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## A DAY OF LEGISLATION

### Bates Faculty Passes Resolution "Condemning Homophobia" Yesterday

### RA Amends Constitution And Changes Budget Committee Guidelines

#### Faculty Meeting

by JASON HIRSCHHORN  
NEWS EDITOR

The Bates Faculty reconvened Monday afternoon to further consider a resolution condemning homophobia. After engaging in heated debate and discussion over the wording of the emergency legislation, the faculty passed the resolution in an amended form.

The final wording of the resolution reads, "...that the Bates Faculty condemns homophobia." The resolution further legislates, "All relevant faculty committees should assist campus organizations and the administration in articulating, publicizing and implementing the best practices for resisting homophobia."

Many students showed up at the faculty meeting to show support for the resolution. The resolution came about after last month's OUTfront's chalking of the quad was vandalized with defamatory and homophobic statements. OUTfront blue-slipped the quad last month in support of National Coming Out Day.

Professor of Art Erica Rand put the legislation in context at the beginning of the meeting saying, "These incidents are not in any way singular events." She then alluded to homophobic rape threats that Bates students have received, as well as more homophobic incidents in residence halls. "There has been a consistent pattern," Rand said, urging the faculty to pass the resolution, "The faculty...needs to step forward."

Professor of Classical and Medieval Studies Margaret Imber said, "Students have called on us because what's happening to them is horrible. If a student was afraid to walk alone on this campus because of his or her race...because of their identity...we would say that is horrible.... Students just want us to say this is horrible, and I don't think it's that hard to say."

Professor of Theatre Martin Andrucki repeatedly stressed the need for a definition of what he was being asked to condemn - homophobia. "Can we vote meaningfully on something that isn't defined?" Andrucki wondered. Imber responded by saying, "We should use a definition consistent with how homophobia is defined in the Bates Student Handbook."

Andrucki also wanted an example of how faculty committees could really do something about this problem. Professor of Education Stacy Smith said, "[Faculty Committees] should look to see if there are structures in the way that keep professors from teaching about issues related to homophobia - for instance the general education requirements sometimes seem to be in conflict with our Women's and Gender Studies Interdisciplinary majors."

Few faculty members were able to give a tangible definition of what constitutes homophobia to Andrucki, but President Harward reminded that the Hate Crimes and Bias Incident Committee, made up of students and faculty, has the discretion to investigate and determine the nature of an accused act of homophobia, hate or bias.

Andrucki continued to desire a definition, said, "A request for a definition sets rational limits."

Professor of Economics Emily Mechner said, "I'm not convinced it's the faculty's business to condemn beliefs..."

There was some debate about the wording of the statement, "All relevant faculty committees should assist campus organizations." Mechner proposed an amendment, revising, "should" to "shall." The amendment was kicked around for a while, with debate focusing on the nature of

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Christina Dove/The Bates Student  
*Professor Margaret Imber speaks in support of a resolution "condemning homophobia" while other faculty members look on. The legislation that the Bates Faculty passed Monday also resolves that relevant faculty committees address issues of homophobia in their work throughout the coming months.*



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*Representative Assembly (RA) President Jay Surdukowski speaks in favor of the RA Constitutional Amendment that the body debated at Monday evening's meeting in Skelton Lounge. Surdukowski, one of the three authors, pictured here with co-author Kate DeMellier to his left, handed over his chair so he could speak on behalf of the legislation, which attempts to make the election of RA President and Vice President open to the general student body.*

#### RA Meeting

by PETER LYNEIS  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Representative Assembly (RA) gathered Monday night in Skelton lounge to address two major pieces of legislation submitted for debate. Significant deliberation centered on a bill authored by Jay Surdukowski, Graham Veysey and Kate DeMellier. Surdukowski handed over his chair as President to Vice President Simon Deleka so he could speak on behalf of his bill. The trio authored a proposed amendment to the RA Constitution, which passed by a two-thirds majority and thus changed the process by which the RA elects its President and Vice President.

The RA also passed a bill authored by RA Treasurer and Budget Committee Chair Melissa Wilcox that amended the Budget Committee's current guidelines.

In its current format, the RA Constitution states that the President and the Vice President of the RA be elected by majority vote, open to all Bates students who are present for the RA meeting where candidates give speeches and field questions. The proposed bill moved the election to a more general form, where ballots will be available outside of commons and to those who study abroad. In order to narrow the field of candidates to two, the RA will hold a primary.

Speaking for his bill, Surdukowski stated "This reform is not a ticket to mob rule, but rather, a partnership with folks that got us here. The elections are our most public time. Let us seize the moment to teach people what we do and work with them, closely, in picking who will sit in this chair come Monday nights. to the people who got us here."

Those in opposition worried that the student body as a whole often would not make the most educated decisions, but Surdukowski assured, "The candidates will be known to all, and the choices will be clear.... You must have faith in the student body."

Parliamentarian Daniel Barsky offered an amendment that would disallow the participation of students studying abroad in the voting process. Barsky, who would be the one tallying many of the votes over email if students abroad voted, argued, "To try and keep track of all those emails gets very confusing." He further stated, "People abroad may not have access to a computer, if voting is going to be available to those abroad, all should have the right to vote." Furthermore,

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# FORUM

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## Editorials RA REFORM BLUNDER

The Representative Assembly has fundamentally altered the role of its president with the passage of an Election Reform Amendment. The Amendment mandates that the RA election be run as a school wide basis, with the customary tables in front of Commons.

*The Student* believes that there must be fundamental changes to the structure of the Representative Assembly before this Amendment makes any sense at all. The authors of the bill, Graham Veysey, Kate Demellier, and Jay Surdukowski are establishing the RA President as the de facto student body president. This is a role that the RA President is not designed to fill. Under the RA constitution, the President is responsible for facilitating debate during meetings as well as representing the will of the RA after any legislation passes. This role requires the President to lobby the administration of the college when RA legislation requires such action.

Because of this role, the authors argue that the student body should have a role in choosing the President. They seem to forget, however, that voting has already been opened to ALL students. All a student needs to do is show up at the election meeting. This was not enough for the proponents of the bill. They wanted to make it even easier for the student body to vote by allowing balloting in front of Commons for three days.

This is *not* a good idea. If students are unwilling to make time to attend a single one hour meeting, they should not be allowed to vote. It's that simple. The argument made by the bill's authors was that this election should be like the election of this nation's President, that is, it should attempt to enfranchise as many people as possible. This argument is a pedestrian simplification. Even in presidential elections, eligible voters must still go to the polls. Ballots are not delivered to individual voters, or placed outside popular eateries.

The RA president is fundamentally different than the role of president in our federal system. The RA president has no veto power, no cabinet, and no power beyond that which the assembly mandates in any given legislation. The RA president, if a comparison must be made, is much closer to the Speaker of the House than the President of the United States. Why? Because the Speaker is charged with keeping order during House debate, overseeing committee work, and acting as chair during House sessions.

We at *The Student* are disappointed in the RA for approving this legislation. It is a simplified approach to a complex issue. Our only hope is that the reform will not do irreparable damage.

## From The Editors' Desk

Has this whole 'Thanksgiving' thing become more of a cliché than anything else? Do we all need a week off to celebrate that quasi-historical dinner table union, or is it really just an excuse to go our separate ways for awhile as we all come to grips with the cold weather and fourteen minutes of sunlight? To those seniors who might have a deadline of sorts approaching, the reason for the break is inconsequential. For those stalwart souls who will remain on campus like sentries at their keyboard posts, it just means shorter lines for coffee in the Den, and fewer people stinkin' up the computer labs.

Luckily, neither of us is in that unfortunate position, though talk to us in a few months and the tables will surely have turned. Instead, we're both making our way home to take part in the ritual that, for most people, has become a tradition of family, food, football, relaxation, and yes (here's the cliché), the giving of thanks. These days, however, that cliché is perfectly fine with us. It's safe to say that many of us haven't been with our families since September 11<sup>th</sup>. We have approached the tragedies of the past days and months from a largely academic standpoint. That type of response is natural from a community that is, more than anything else, academic in its mission.

However, the majority of this country has not dealt with our changing world as we have - in classes lead by learned professors, on response walls, and through an organized 'day of reflection.' Outside the Bates bubble, parents have struggled with their children's questions, cities and towns have experienced a backlash of hate, and most of America has had only the media to rely on for information and commentary. From the earliest hours of that day in September, our reaction to those events has been fundamentally different from that of the rest of this nation. This cerebral institution has had some pretty deep thoughts.

We've had an academic fleshing out of different opinions - in classes, in this paper, in lectures, in forums. Over break, think differently for a while. Listen to what those who have been living in the real world since September 11<sup>th</sup> have to say. Absorb their ideas and emotions and bring them back to Bates in a week. This institution of heady academia would benefit from an infusion of perspective from neighbors, parents, and siblings of all ages.

But first, next week when you get home, walk your dog, do a little laundry, and give your mom a hug. We know both of ours will demand one upon arrival.

Thanks for reading,  
Dan and Will

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In an article appearing in issue 7, Associate Economics Professor James Hughes was incorrectly identified as Professor John Hughes. The Student apologizes for any confusion this may have caused.



# A Non-Existent Majority

## How The Left Mischaracterizes Dissent In America

by JAMES PEYSTER  
FORUM EDITOR

Last week, in an article titled "Is There A Silent Majority Protesting Against American Military Action?" Andrea Irwin asserted that there was a large contingent of Americans who quietly disapprove of the war in Afghanistan. For the second time in as many weeks, I am compelled to write in opposition to an anti-Bush, anti-war argument. I believe Ms. Irwin's piece fails to demonstrate any proof of this "majority" or to offer any tangible suggestions as to what the United States should be doing in place of their current actions. Furthermore, I believe the views expressed represent some common misconceptions among like-minded Batesians.

Before I comment on the arguments themselves, I think it important to note the questionable motivations of the author's perspective. This too speaks to a common trait among anti-war advocates at Bates.

The political bias of Ms. Irwin's article is palpable and her multiple references in one form or another to the "botched 2000 presidential election" color her entire analysis. Clearly, the author is bothered by the fact that George W. Bush is our president. She is fully entitled to obsess over this bit of history for as long as she sees fit but this

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"War on Terrorism" (hopefully a term that falls outside the realm of "seductive" labeling) is no place for this issue—if we can even call it an issue at this point. And using the tragic events of September 11<sup>th</sup> as a platform to gripe about how poor Al Gore was robbed of his just desserts is as shameful as it is pointless and irrelevant.

In the September 18<sup>th</sup> issue of *The Bates Student*, just seven short days after the World Trade Center attacks, I made a point to call upon all of us to "fairly evaluate Bush" on his actions and to "think rationally...not insult speciously and degrade our leader for what amounts to petty partisanship." While, to her credit, I found no direct personal attacks on Bush in Ms. Irwin's article, the fact that

she seems wholly unwilling to extract her foreign policy stance from the murky sludge of partisanship leads me to question whether she'd support anything that this president chose to do. Can she be objective? Maybe, but her anti-Bush predisposition is readily apparent and should be noted.

The article begins by putting forth the notion that an unheard majority of Americans exists who tacitly disapproves of our nation's military actions.

The extent of the author's validation of this claim is that she has "spoken to many students and professors at Bates."

Talk about a tainted sample pool!

As I have argued in previous articles, there is an erroneous tendency at this college to assume that the ultra-left views that often dominate the local political landscape are somehow more widely representative of the views of the nation as a whole. At first, I thought Ms. Irwin was making this same mistake. But then she is careful to point out that she is totally aware of her tarnished evidence. "I recognize that this is a very liberal institution and that most Batesians probably voted for Ralph Nader, but I still feel that many Americans are criticizing the Bush administration."

While I respect Ms. Irwin's right to "feel" that there is some sort of silent but large coalition of anti-Bush, anti-war advocates, real data does little to verify this claim. The Gallup Organization, one of our nation's oldest and most trusted independent polling agencies, released results of a poll last week-end indicating that President Bush still has an approval rating in the high 80's. Only 8% of those anonymously polled disapprove of him. Even 80% of self-described Democrats are satisfied with Bush's work. He is polling at record-high levels for record lengths of time. Furthermore, a Fox News study found that 87% of those polled support military action against Afghanistan. Almost 90% of those who approved of military action were either satisfied with Bush's specific plan or wished he would increase the intensity of the attacks. It would seem that the "majority" is quite vocal. They just happen not to agree with Ms. Irwin.

Lacking any hard data, Ms. Irwin introduces a recent event that she argues demonstrates an example of this new erosion of "democracy and freedom" that must responsible for why the objections of so many dissenters are not being heard: a student in West Virginia was prevented by her school from wearing a T-shirt that expresses opposition to the bombing of Afghanistan. While I agree with the author that it is a shame that this student was

not given the chance to voice her views, Mrs. Irwin's use of this story is misleading for two reasons. First, there is something called "separation of powers" that is mandated in the Constitution of the United States. Neither President (a member of the executive branch) nor Congress (the legislative branch) has authority over the courts (the judiciary branch). They simply can't force the courts decide one way or the other on a given case. In light of this, to imply that the Bush administration or the government as a whole somehow has a pervasive grip on West Virginia district courts is totally deceptive.

Secondly, courts have always given secondary schools some latitude to prevent students from wearing certain types of clothing. In *Tinker v. Des Moines* (1967), the court stated

that: "conduct by the student, in class or out of it, which for any reason — whether it stems from time, place, or type of behavior—materially disrupts class work or involves substantial disorder is . . . not immunized by the constitutional guarantee of freedom of speech." They echoed this line of reasoning in *Bethel School District v. Fraser* (1986) when they asserted that: "The determination of what manner of speech in the classroom or in school assembly is inappropriate properly rests with the school board." If the school board determined that a shirt dissenting against the war might lead other students to attack the wearer of it, these cases seem to indicate that they are within their legal boundaries to ban it. That said, it wouldn't shock me if the student won on an appeal to higher courts but if she does, that reversal will be a shift in the trend, not the school board's actions. They have been regulating student dress codes long before September 11<sup>th</sup>. Considering this, Ms. Irwin's feeling that this case represents a pattern of new governmental attempts (dare I say conspiracies?) to "squell dissent" seems less convincing.

Later in the article, Ms. Irwin credits James Carville, a Clinton political strategist, as saying that a more proper foreign relations strategy than bombing would be to use financial sanctions and investigative operations to "eradicate terrorist cells around the world." Why she mentions this is unclear but if the implication is that we are not using sanctions and investigative operations, then Ms. Irwin is mistaken. Sanctions have been in place against Afghanistan for many years and investigations are still in full swing around the world.

However, what is most confusing to me is that not two sentences later, Ms. Irwin calls our international relations strategy "hegemonic domination." Exactly how should the United States proceed then? If we force uncooperative nations to assist us through use of sanctions and covert investigations, are we no longer hegemonically dominating them? What type of foreign policy position would not be "hegemonic" in nature? Maybe we can beg Afghanistan to turn over bin Laden? Or maybe we can cave in to terrorist demands with regard to our relations with Israel and other Middle East nations. I'm sure there isn't anyone out there who would take that as a sign that the U.S. can be compelled to sudden foreign policy shifts if attacked in a sufficiently violent and horrific manner.

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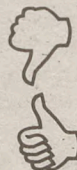


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## Life In My Reality Flowers And Services

by MATT SCHERZER  
HUMOR COLUMNIST

I am studying "abroad" in Washington D.C. and thankfully my cousin Michael and his wife Andrea invited me to Yom Kippur (the Jewish Day of Atonement) services at their synagogue.

To show my appreciation, I decided to buy them flowers. However, I did not realize that this action would be more time consuming than buying a new car. Without the high-pressured salesman on my back, I found myself buzzing around the florist shop like a bee in a summer garden. After an hour or three, I noticed a beautiful plant. "The flowers last ten days," the cashier said dreamily. Eager to leave, I plunked down forty-five dollars in cash and power walked back to my dormitory.

Fortunately, I did not inherit my mom's "black" thumb. I carefully followed the directions on the care card, giving the catyella a "light morning mist," darkening the soil, touching the flowers to make sure they were strong. My roommate, meanwhile, occasionally gave me a look unspoken language meaning, "Who are you - Martha Stewart? Does this look like a greenhouse?"

Soon after I arrived at my cousin's, and presented the catyella, we had a huge dinner, the last meal before the twenty-four hour fast. Five-year-old Hillary, with her darling cherubic face and curly blonde hair, sat next to her always animated seven-year-old brother, Nate. Mike and Andrea

urged their children to eat.

We had a pleasant conversation, and then we left for evening services.

Without delay, as we exited the synagogue, Michael disappointedly asked, "so, what did you think?"

"Well,"

"Shh, wait until we get to the car," screamed Andrea, as she gleefully waved goodbye to a horde of congregants.

We entered the sound proof booth. I waited for the inevitable ritual that follows Yom Kippur services - the criticism of the sermon.

"I apologize, the services are usually better," Michael broke the silence.

We all nodded our heads in harmony. I remembered how he started snoring after ten minutes.

"Oh no, it wasn't that bad," I lied to reassure the family.

Eager to involve their children in the discussion, Michael inquired, "what about you guys?"

While Hillary sat quietly, Nate practically burst from his seat like a hot air balloon. "I loved it! I would go again!" he exclaimed with unmatched enthusiasm.

Andrea gave Mike a strange look, as if to say, "Did he go to the same service as us?"

"What part in particular?" they simultaneously stuttered in disbelief.

Responding in a serious tone, Nate replied, "The part where I played with my toys."

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Let's Be Pro-Active, Not Reactionary

To the Editor:

According to Nick Pangallo's recent poll, conducted on campus, Bates students seem ambivalent toward the war effort. Only about half of the student body trusts the federal government will "do the right thing." Even though Bush has a 90% national approval rating, only 27% of Batesies believe he will do a good job.

The statistics prove there is deep-seated disagreement on campus. As Co-Presidents of the Bates Democrats we shout - it's time for a debate to erupt inside the Bates bubble. As an organization, which cherishes free speech, we encourage all Batesies to express themselves (peacefully). Whether it is through anti-war demonstrations or through patriotic flag waving, let's hear your voice. Let's be pro-active, not reactive.

The Bates Democrats will not take a public position at this time because even within our own organization, there is dissension. However, this dissension does not stop us from discussing this new crisis. Even we, the Co-Presidents, who are currently studying in Washington D.C., agree to disagree. Notwithstanding, we have found common ground in the midst of our constant rhetori-

cal battles. We are both troubled that the United States is backing the Northern Alliance, a regime with a history of egregious human rights violations. Also, we are concerned that the government will cut funding for social programs to expand the war effort. Further, we both agree that beefing up security at home to defend against future terrorist attacks should be a priority.

During the Winter Semester, the Bates Democrats hope to continue this conversation. In January, we will assemble a panel, which represents diverse opinions, to debate the war on terrorism. On March 14th in the Chapel, our keynote speaker, Nadine Strossen, the President of the American Civil Liberties Union, will discuss civil liberties vs. national security issues. As some Universities censure students for spouting anti-war rhetoric, Professor Strossen's talk will be highly pertinent.

The Bates Democrats courts members of all backgrounds, political philosophies, and creeds. We welcome you to our meetings and encourage you to participate in our lively discussions focused on current issues.

-Matthew Scherzer and Erin Russ  
Co-Presidents Bates Democrats

### Patriotism?

To the Editor:

There is a difference between patriotism and nationalism. Nationalism implies that there is a repository of distinct and essential characteristics that distinguishes an aggregate of persons and makes them superior to other such aggregates. Patriotism, in contrast, is loving one's own country, its inhabitants, its geography, appreciating its limitations as well as celebrating its achievements. Patriotism does not need to be inherently or explicitly racist. Nationalism endorses uniformity whereas patriotism encourages unity.

The despicable and indiscriminate carnage of September eleventh has engendered certain beneficial consequences. The confirmation of community in a country where its existence has been obstinately repudiated on both ontological and empirical levels is a positive development. Injustice has given meaning to many lives. An ominous concomitant of these constructive outcomes, however, is also noticeable.

Few would disagree that studying the causes of a problem is instructive in solving it. Yet students and scholars who are trying to understand or explicate the causes of the determined hatred towards United States are everyday being ignored, silenced, ostracized. The response to every criticism of American foreign policy, which is largely responsible for the manifest discontent, is "nothing justifies what happened." Does that need to be said? Is it not self-evident? Injustice does not justify injustice, and this is clear to all who dare utter, or in the present circumstances, mutter the truth. It might therefore be considered without outrage or scandal whether hiding one's head in the sand is an adequate expression of patriotism. Those who try to understand what really happened, why it happened and how such catastrophes can be prevented in the future are the true patriots and those who indulge in nationalistic claptrap are traitors.

-Volkan Yildiran Stodolsky

## Peyster's Response Fails To Recognize The Real Problems

by SMADAR BAKOVIC  
OPINION WRITER

It is indeed very disappointing that Mr. Peyster in his article "Hegemonic Neglect" so unsubstantially answered my article "A Foreign Policy Fallacy" of the previous week. I would have expected a more witty and informed response fit for a person who claims to have so much knowledge of the discussed subject (except maybe where Afghanistan might be) it is sad that Peyster finds pride in the tragic - the ignorance many Americans (clearly not all) possess when it comes to Geography - when he exclaims, "but who cares?" It is furthermore sad that Peyster does not realize the obvious; that people should care where a particular country is when their country is involved, positively or negatively with it, and that there is a direct and crucial connection between the average citizen's knowledge of geography and national foreign policy making. If Peyster honestly believes that the American leaders should possess all the knowledge (which some of them certainly don't) while the average American citizen can stay in the dark then I shudder to think what kind of a country the United States is. If he is claiming that the knowledge and involvement of the average American citizen do not matter (and I am surprised that no American citizen wrote back and argued against my claim which was later embraced by Peyster that many Americans are ignorant when it comes to international

affairs) then again, I am afraid to think what reality we are living in - the citizen comfortably living in the dark, calling for wars or against them (using a remote control), sending money for "humanitarian" help or complaining against sending it, yelling for and against the exist-

ence of this country or another and waking up to reality only when reality abruptly and violently strikes. It is unfortunate that Peyster does not look back to recent history and does not realize that the ignorance of people in connection to foreign policy (and this can be seen in my country when looking at the Israeli-Palestinian conflict) has always served as a basis for the legitimization of hatred. It was much easier, for example, to drop the bomb on Japan because many Americans felt so distant from it, and were not sure where it was or what the people were really like. It is after all much easier to fight the "enemy," to kill the "enemy" or to call for the killing or harming of a invisible people who only exist on paper and in the daily news not many people watched until now anyway. Maybe if Peyster looked back he would understand that whilst he believes the USA is sending millions of dollars to the benefit of the Afghani people, it was groups such as the Taliban who mostly benefited from them, and not unintentionally. And maybe he would realize that the same is happening now - the USA is supporting the Northern Alliance which who knows, might turn into a new Taliban regime. Maybe then he

would finally understand that humanitarian money is never a free gift and that even though the USA has cancelled some of the debts owed to them by "third world countries," these debts are already mounting up again. Maybe he would also understand that what he calls humanitarian money is really pawn money, never a warm hearted gift. If the United States was concerned with the "many starving citizens" Peyster mentions then it might consider taking off the embargo on Iraq or on Cuba for that matter. Or maybe the American leaders Peyster is so proud of (and puts all his trust in) don't know that this embargo does not hurt Saddam Hussein or his relatives in any way whatsoever. It is the people who Peyster is so sure his government is saving that are dying in their thousands. But it really doesn't matter where Iraq is, right?

Reading Peyster's answer, I suspect that he has not paid any attention to my original article, or to news in general. It is interesting and even fascinating how he puts down some of my statements and then agrees with them, which indicated that he himself wasn't sure what he should say, or how he should react, which is again, unfortunate, especially when considering the passion in which the article seems to have been written. It's sad that Peyster automatically assumes that the starving people in Afghanistan are the Taliban's people, for this is clearly not true. What is true is that the Taliban doesn't mind sacrificing them for what they would call "a greater good" just like Saddam

Hussein massacred thousands of Kurds and continues to torture those people Peyster assumes are "his people." Where he got the idea that I was criticizing the United States for helping people I do not know. If he thinks I blamed the United States for "bombing" Afghanistan with food then he has

totally missed the point I was trying to convey. He might find out if he read the newspaper that most of that food didn't reach the right people fell into mine fields or was destroyed by the bombs. How Peyster got to the conclusion that I was "angry at the United States for not getting involved with more countries" I don't know either, but I have to wonder if he even read my article. He seems to miss the point that I was trying so clearly to convey - that the United States interferes only when there is a self interest to be preserved, and that the democracy American citizens enjoy is at the expense of other people who were not as lucky to be born here. Maybe if he concentrated his answer on this important issue on not on the technicality of certain words and phrases he would have actually learnt something new. And thus, he would understand that the United States could get out of this circle of being damned if they do, damned if they don't if they began doing things which might benefit others even if they did not necessarily benefit itself, or by staying out when they might benefit something but are not wanted. And of course....if all Americans knew where Afghanistan was...

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## Live Free Or Die

## A Short Note On Bloomberg

by JAY SURDUKOWSKI  
OPINION COLUMNIST

New Yorkers have proved their independence and spark once again by electing billionaire Mike Bloomberg to the mayor's post. This is an intriguing development worth watching closely. How New York in particular pulls through out of the present national malaise will be instructive to the whole nation. Bloomberg is quite a character and there is little doubt that he will keep the rebuilding of New York on the front pages. Hopefully not too much skidding will mar his first spin in the car of public trust.

Bloomberg did some interesting things in the campaign that can make liberals and others cringe: he spent megabucks to win, he trampled on notions of party identity, and he touted inexperience as a virtue.

Bloomberg, a nominal Republican, turned these stumbling blocks into springboards in a city where registered democrats outnumber RepublicanS by 5-1.

First, on money. Bloomberg cleverly defended his astronomical spending of his own cash by noting that he would not owe any debts to big contributors.

—Money as independence.

Second, Bloomberg showed the parties that he was his own show. A lifelong Democrat who actually gave money to his rival Mark Green in the last election, Bloomberg was running as Bloomberg, not as a through and through Republican. The party label was worn to garner the nomination. He declared throughout the race that he was a pro-choice liberal, while New York's Republican Governor and titular party leader, George

Pataki, stood off to the side, slack jawed in disbelief, lips open suckerfish-style...

Third, Bloomberg cited his glaring lack of experience in public life as an asset. His rags to riches story and management of an incredibly successful privately owned company were the experiences he banked on. Not a string of political posts *a la* Green.

Granted many commentators point out that Rudy Guiliani's endorsement was seminal in the upset victory, I wouldn't be so quick to shrug off this curious constellation of political irreverence, never so clearly and dramatically brought together in successful fashion by one individual.



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I wager that Bloomberg, like Arizona's Senator John McCain, Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura, or Maine Governor Angus King, is a likeable, independent-minded and sharp shooting soul that New Yorkers find refreshing.

The politics of anti-politics seems to be an avenue bringing more folks success these days, and people not generally interested in politics into the voting booth. I concede to the practice myself. I am intent on living the life of an independent-minded artist-statesmen. I will not drop one or the other of these two creative languages I labor with. They are an edge.

For those that would give up interest in public life thinking it is run by milque-toast, muddled middle-of-the-roads like Pataki and California's Gray Davis, look to New York City for inspiration in the next four years. Bloomberg is no Clinton clone centrist. He has his own ideas—popular and not—and he will express them. Loudly.

It won't always be pretty, but it will be true.

## A Tale Of Three Graduates

by SCOTT BETOURNAY  
ALUMNI-OPINION COLUMNIST

The proverbial question most frequently stuck in the minds of seniors is, "what am I gonna do after college?" Upon pondering this mystery, many realize their confusion is not due to having no clue at all, but because life beyond the bubble brings a lot of options. The hardest decision is sometimes the choice over which path to take. Here then are the stories of three members of the class of 2001 who have traveled in dissimilar directions. Each embodies an archetype of a college student's next step.

The first story is about Dave Bergart. Dave is an excellent Nordic skier, in fact he is the U.S. national champion ski archer. After a summer of fighting forest fires in Utah, Dave got a sweet ski-coaching job in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. He is paid to ski some of the best snow in the country and he meets and works with international caliber athletes. Dave's workday does not start until 2:00 in the afternoon and he must occasionally travel to training camps in Utah and Idaho in search of the best snow. This job opportunity would not be available if not for Dave's talent combined with years of hard work. It does however show what Bates graduates are capable of and though few can earn a living on the slopes, discovering and cultivating our talent in something we love is one of the best ways to find success.

Not all of us are so fortunate to discover our life's calling by the end of college and so unemployment is another way to go. My friend Rob Ayres is doing this quite well. Rob lives on the Pacific island of Honolulu and spends his afternoons basking in the sun on his ocean-side porch. Like Dave, Rob fought fires this summer and with his earnings, moved to the tropics knowing that he would be living the good life. Rob figured that he would find a job soon after his arrival and until then, he would live on coconuts and the crystal water of volcanic springs. Well, it has been

two months and island tourism has slacked due to people's current fear of airplanes. It is a struggle to make ends meet without an income but Rob is having a good time and you would be too. There is no telling how much longer he can last but if Rob was really starving, he could always eat his diploma.

The third story is probably the most common, and that is to dive into the real world and suck up a regular nine to five job like the man or woman that you are. This is what my former roommate Ryan Bouchard has done. He works at a fiber optics company in Chicago. He makes a very decent salary; lives in a good neighborhood, and Ryan recently became my first college buddy to be engaged! (to Jenn Lemkin '99). Ryan, along with myself and the majority of our nation's college graduates have taken their first step toward a more stable lifestyle. There are many job options for us regular people—many demand the above average level of performance that Bates prepares us to deliver. Life may not be sweet skiing or sunsets in Hawaii, but happiness remains within our grasp and if we so desire, we can make a positive contribution somewhere in the world. In time, my friends will surely change occupations, as change is one of the few constants in life. The same goes for yourself, myself, and all college graduates. Until then, I leave one bit of wisdom: savor the organic yogurt in Commons and the black and tans at the Goose because it is never quite the same after you graduate.

## Smokey Room Talk

## 2001 Election Wrap-Up

by DOMINICK PANGALLO  
OPINION COLUMNIST

November 6<sup>th</sup> was not a good day to be a Republican. Especially in Virginia, New Jersey, and, to a certain extent, New York City. But, now, one week after the Democrat trounced the Republican in New Jersey's governor race, the Democrat came from behind to pull just ahead of the Republican in Virginia's governor race, and a former-Democrat-turned-liberal-Republican beat a moronic Democrat in New York City's mayoral race, no one is wondering—how did it happen?

We know how it happened. Mark Earley, the Virginia Republican, was left high and dry by the Republican National Committee and President Bush. The President doesn't support "losers" one Bush aid told reporters before the election. In a state where the GOP controls nearly everything, upstart Democratic businessman Mark Warner won the race.

Bret Schundler, the New Jersey Republican, was painted into an ideological corner by his opponent Jim McGreevey and undermined by a grumpy state assembly leader Republican Don DiFrancesco and the New Jersey GOP establishment. Their abandonment caused plummeting returns for GOP candidates all over the state and the Democratic takeover of the state legislature. A perfect example of shooting yourself in the foot. And Green, the Democratic candidate for New York City mayor, ticked off the minorities by brushing aside Ferrer's, his Hispanic primary challenger, offer for support. I don't need your help to get elected, Green told Ferrer and black Congressman Charles Rangel, D-NY, after the primary, "just to govern." Rangel took him at his word and spent the weekend before Election Day in Trinidad. Worse for Green, when Saint Giuliani

endorsed Bloomberg—who spent a city record of over \$40 million for the victory—Green's polls dropped 12 points in 48 hours.

As one Republican media consultant described it to me, "If you told me two weeks ago, even one week ago, that New York would be the one we won, I would have laughed at you." It's not even a great victory for the Republicans, since Bloomberg is, in Robert Novak's words, a "nouveau" Republican, who signed up with the GOP when the Democratic race got too crowded.

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The question on everyone's mind now is: what does it mean for Election Day 2002? Both Democrats and Republicans, of course, have been spinning the results as good news for their candidates.

Congresswomen Nita Lowey, D-NY, is the chairwoman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. She says last Tuesday's governors races indicate "Bush's popularity will not play a role in next year's elections." DCCC communications director Jenny Backus points out that, in conjunction with the fact that the president's party has lost seats in all but two mid-term elections since 1862, Tuesday's results are

bad news for Republicans. Many Democrats point to the 1993 election as a similar situation—a mid-term election one year after the election of a new president—when a Republican sweep of New York's and Los Angeles's mayoral races and the New Jersey and Virginia governor races was seen as a prelude to the Republican Revolution of 1994 in the House of Representatives.

Republicans counter that in 1993, Clinton had about 50% approval—Bush now has around 90% approval. A better forecast for 2002, according to National Republican Campaign Committee communications director Steve Schmidt, was the June 19, 2001 special election in Virginia's 4<sup>th</sup> district, where a Republican candidate beat a Democrat in what was a Democratic district. But, Warner, and not Earley, won the 4<sup>th</sup> district last Tuesday. What the heck are we supposed to make of that?

The answer is simple—the difference is that one is a state race and one a federal race. A poll by Public Opinion Strategies of 500 New Jersey and Virginia voters found that 80% of the respondents' votes for governor "had nothing to do with [sending] a message to President George W. Bush." The line last Tuesday was a state/federal one. This means that Bush's popularity, if it holds until next year, could be a boon to House and Senate candidates, as voters see their federal vote as a referendum on the war on terrorism. But, it doesn't hold water on the state level, where voters seem more interested in economic issues closer to home, and find themselves in agreement more with the Democrat's way of doing business.

Without a doubt, last Tuesday was a banner day for Democrats across the country. But, they would be mistaken to believe their victories make them a shoe-in next year. The Democratically controlled Senate can set the agenda in the coming election year to be favorable towards Democrats by bringing up issues traditionally good for Democrats—minimum wage, prescription drugs, and the like. But, the wildcard is Bush's popularity. If it holds through next November, the momentum that Terry McAuliffe is so excited about now may only reach as far as the state capitals, and not to Washington. Let's hope that's not the case.

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Percent of Americans, according to Fox News, who think the CIA should be allowed to use "any means necessary" in order to obtain information, even physical violence.

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Percent of Americans who believe they have a clear idea of what this war is all about, according to a Gallup poll.

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Percent of Americans in 1942 who believed they had a clear idea of the goals of World War II.

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Minutes of sunlight on Tuesday. It's dark!





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## Awareness Week Examines Hunger And Homelessness, Locally And Globally

**Local Director Of Soup Kitchen Speaks To Students; Day Of Thought Asks Students To Think About War In Afghanistan**

by JASON HIRSCHHORN  
NEWS EDITOR

In a week devoted to raising awareness about Hunger and Homelessness, events scheduled ranged from an empty can and bottle drive to a panel discussion on activism to a photography exhibit.

The week's events were organized by a group of twelve students from all classes with the group headed by students Jesse Stewart, Katie Burke and the Chaplain's Office Rachel Herzig.

A staple throughout the history of this week has been the student organized fast that occurred on Thursday, November 8 in Commons. Students sign up to not eat in the Commons Dining Hall that night and have the cost of their meal split between a donation to Oxfam America, Good Shepherd Food Bank of Maine and Trinity Soup Kitchen in downtown Lewiston. Organizer Katie Burke said that approximately 650 students signed up for the fast, resulting in about \$3575 being donated to these organizations.

The week culminated in "The War on Terrorism: A Day Of Thought," a day billed as a day "to reflect on the hungry and homeless victims of this war as well as those who hurt in our world." This day included a student-facilitated presentation entitled, "Spiritual Perspectives on Nonviolence." Other events of the day included, "Brainstorming Creative Responses to September 11<sup>th</sup>," a lecture by Professor of Anthropology Danforth, a potluck dinner and open microphone in Chase lounge, which turned into more of a small discussion; the evening ended with the viewing of the "response wall" under the library terrace and a dance party in the Benjamin Mays Center.

One of the main events of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week was the Monday November 5 teach-in with Calvin Dube of Trinity Soup Kitchen in Lewiston and Eileen Hackett, who works for Partners in Ending Hunger, a non-profit organization based in Camden, Maine.

Hackett spoke first at the teach-in, saying, "The possibility of ending hunger is real. One of the myths I used to believe is that hunger happens to people in unfortunate circumstances and is an individual problem and not a community problem." Hackett pointed to statistics that only 1% of Maine leaders surveyed by her organization said that ending hunger was one of their goals as a way of showing that people in Maine don't think of ending hunger enough, especially since 19,000 people in Maine experience hunger and 62,000 people are at risk, Hackett said.

"There is a difference between ending hunger and feeding people, Hackett said. "Our organization tries to help 'people end their own hunger.' Hackett said that this goal begins in communities and she estimates that it will take 20 million people to catalyze a hunger ending movement in the United States. "20 million people thinking about how to end hunger in their own communities," she said. Hackett said that it was too early in her organization's lifetime to determine if they were making a real impact. Hackett ended her talk by stating, "Putting food in people's mouths will not end hunger – organizations like mine have to operate with a goal of going out of business in mind.... It all starts with a conversation."

Calvin Dube, who runs the Jubilee Urban Ministry in downtown Lewiston, in the basement of Trinity Episcopal Church, spoke next and presented a more local, ground-level view of hunger and homelessness. Trinity serves three meals a week to local needy residents. Calvin said that the downtown area of Lewiston has less crime than it used to, but cocaine and heroine are still major problems among the people who use Trinity's services.

"The police have distanced themselves, none of the rookie officers understand what we do or

who we are," Dube said. "It is easy to access welfare in Lewiston, so we have had a real influx of people. We probably serve between 500 and 600 meals a week," Dube said.

Many of the individuals who take advantage of Trinity suffer from mental illness and alcoholism, Dube said. The average income for a welfare recipient in Lewiston is between \$425 and \$530 a month, Dube indicated. He said that many people receive between \$10 and \$30 a month for food stamps, but "many will sell their stamps if they are addicts.... These are people with no money, no food, some with no housing, and those with housing live in appalling conditions. They move between Trinity Church, Hope Haven and the Salvation Army."

All of the food used by Trinity Soup Kitchen comes from Bates College Dining Services, Shaw's and the United States Department of Agriculture. Dube said that both he and Trinity rely on two grants from the United Way, for which he is most grateful.

Of Trinity's mission, Dube says, "We just try to address people's immediate needs, food and clothing...we don't necessarily try to change people." Dube says. "You begin to understand why people become bitter," he said, "We have an army ranger who has spent a lot of time in Nicaragua and he has a lot of hatred for the U.S. Military and he needs Trinity." Dube said that he also does a lot of work with the Lewiston-Auburn Alliance for the homeless, trying to help people who come into Lewiston with no ID and want to offer no history.

"The energy it takes just to come into a soup kitchen – it can be humiliating," Dube said. Many Somali immigrants moved to Lewiston this summer and the soup kitchen has done a lot with helping them to secure meals, bedding and diapers for their children. "Most of the immigrants are women, and they are wonderful people," Dube said. "Some of the Somali women hold a doctorate and are waiting on their husbands who have gone back to Somalia to work, but some have husbands who are dead or in prison." Dube said that while the Somali immigrants use Trinity for their children's needs, they rarely, if ever, come in to eat.

Last year Trinity Urban Ministry served 25,000 meals under Dube's direction. The kitchen also gave out 4500 diapers along with baby formula with iron. "There is never enough food for everyone though," Dube says shaking his head. "Many people have to search for cans when they leave Trinity."

"It's tough when you have a guy living in an abandon building because there is no where else he can go, but the police tell him to go.... We see a lot of generational poverty," he continued, "Some people have been coming to Trinity for 12 years. It's very frustrating, but at the Jubilee Center we use a lot of the 'human touch' – we are a social place where folks can come when they can't go elsewhere because they don't wear the right clothes, smell right or talk with the right dialogue."

Dube said that he understands the situation of many of the people who come to Trinity and have been through the prison system, as Dube himself was in prison earlier in life.

In his understated way, Dube, looking down, says, "We try to empower Lewiston. Come and see us and get to know these people – they are human and have hearts and souls and deserve love – they have just been caught up in a cycle of poverty, abuse and all that."

Dube said, "Leaders in the community don't want to hear about poverty; nobody wants to look into the face of poverty." Above all else, Dube says, "understanding" is what needed most in the downtown Lewiston community.



Christina Dove/The Bates Student

*Professor Patricia Gurin, an expert defense witness in lawsuits challenging the University of Michigan's race-based admission policies, discusses her research supporting classroom diversity in the Edmund S. Muskie Archives at Bates College.*

## How Bates Really Rates A Look At How Bates Students Feel About The Strikes In Afghanistan

by DOMINICK PANGALLO  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Recently, the Institute of Politics at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government conducted a survey of undergraduates across the country in order to gauge their support for the war on terrorism. As the director of the Institute, former Arkansas Senator David Pryor, pointed out, "This...survey of undergraduates is critical because the bulk of the soldiers called to serve are young people." These were the questions:

Question 1. Do you support the current U.S. air-strikes in Afghanistan?

Question 2. Would you support the use of ground troops in Afghanistan?

Question 3. (Men only) If the draft were reinstated, would you serve if called up?

Question 4. Do you trust the federal government to do the right thing?

Question 5. Do you trust the military to do the right thing?

Question 6. Do you trust the president to do the right thing?

Question 7. Do you trust the Congress to do the right thing?

Question 8. Have you given blood, donated money, or volunteered time to a relief effort because of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks?

Question 9. Is politics relevant to your life?

Question 10. Is terrorism the most important issue in America today?

Question 11. Have you participated in any form of community service this year?

This past week, an identical survey was conducted amongst a random sample of Bates students. The questions posed to the Bates sample were almost exactly the same as those posed to the subjects of the Harvard survey. The result is surprising in its disparities. Whereas 79% of the Harvard subjects supported the current air-strikes

in Afghanistan, only 52% of Batesies did likewise. In support for the use of ground troops, 68% of the nation-wide respondents agreed, while only 45% of Batesies did the same.

There are marked differences to other questions as well. When male subjects were asked if they would serve should the draft be reinstated and their number called up, 71% of the Harvard subjects said yes. 54% of the Bates respondents said they would serve.

When asked about trust in government, the numbers are similarly different. 60% of the nation-wide subjects trust the federal government, up from 36% last year. Only 40% of Batesies answered in the affirmative. The trust in the military is even more disparate: 75% for the Harvard subjects, to 48% of the Bates subjects. Trust in the president is split with 69% of the nation-wide respondents supporting George W. Bush, but only 27% of the Bates respondents indicating they trust the president (that's up from 11% in March 2001). As for the Congress, the number on the Harvard survey was 62%, while the Bates total was 48%.

In reaction to the attacks of September 11<sup>th</sup>, subjects were asked if they had given blood, donated money, or volunteered their time in a relief effort because of the attacks. 71% of the nation-wide subjects said they did, while 40% of the Bates subjects said they did. 68% of the Harvard subjects see terrorism as the most important issue facing the country, while only 30% of the Bates subjects agreed. When asked if politics is relevant to the subject's own life, 77% of the nation-wide respondents said yes. This is up from 68% at the same time last year. On Bates, the total seeing politics as being relevant to their life was 83%. Finally, 80% of Bates subjects reported participating in some form of community service this past year. Only 69% of the nation-wide subjects said they had – this total is up from 60% at this time last year.

It is apparent that the disparity between Bates



## Survey Shows Bates Students Rate Lower Than National Averages In Support Of Military Strikes

*Special Report Survey, from page 7*

students' opinions and those of the general public are even greater. As Political Science Professor Douglas Hodgkin points out, "Students at Bates have probably been aware that the student body here has been different from the national polls of the general public on the war effort and on approval of the President. What [this] study demonstrates is that Bates students also are NOT representative of students."

The data for the Bates respondents was also classified by gender. The results are presented in the other table. "The difference between men and women on military-related issues, and indeed on all issues involving 'force' or 'risk,'" Hodgkin elaborates, "has been clear since the very first polls taken about seventy years ago. Level of support for any sort of military action, for capital punishment, for hitch-hiking regulation, for nuclear power, for gun control, and so forth, has varied by sex distinctly, with women being more pacifist and risk-averse than men."

Hodgkin explains the largely pacifist bent of the replies as partly "a matter of self-recruitment; students at these schools are very unrepresentative when compared to the population at large. They come disproportionately from elite backgrounds, including residence in liberal suburbs, that is, liberal on social and foreign policy issues, probably less liberal on economic issues." Another possible source, Hodgkin points out, is the

influence of a faculty with a more liberal persuasion than other schools. "At a college like Bates, I would guess that at least 90% of the faculty are well to the left of the center of the general population," he says. "People who teach in business, forestry, and engineering schools are much more conservative (and have been for many years) than those who teach sociology, English, and art. Again, it is a matter of self-recruitment, and maybe some bias in the hiring process, as well."

Hodgkin points out that these two facts – the unrepresentative nature of the student body and the liberal persuasion of the faculty – have created an atmosphere of opinion and sentiment contrary to that which the nation is experiencing. "The students at state universities and particularly at community and technical colleges may also be much more a part of the community than those at residential, elite, liberal arts schools," Hodgkin says. "In the 'Bates Bubble' the pacifist opinion is constantly reinforced. If one returns home every weekend or even every night, if one works a part-time job in the community, one hears and absorbs, or is reinforced in opinions more supportive of the President and the war effort."

Regardless of the cause of the apparent disparity, however, one thing is clear: The campus of Bates College remains a solid bastion of liberal opinion, both when compared to the population at large and to the undergraduate population of the rest of the country.

### The Questions

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### The Results

**52%** of Bates students support current air-strikes in Afghanistan.

**45%** of Batesies support ground troops in Afghanistan where **68%** of nation-wide respondents do.

**54%** of Bates men would serve if called upon by the military.

**40%** of Batesies trust the United States Government, compared to **60%** of the nation.

**48%** of Batesies trust the military.

**27%** of Bates students trust President Bush, a **40%** lower approval rating than the rest of the nation.

**40%** of Batesies have given blood, donated money or volunteered their time in a relief effort where **71%** of the nation-wide respondents have.

Sources for article and fact box: Pangallo Survey and ABC News, CNN, Gallup and Newsweek

## Indian Author Amitav Ghosh To Read At Bates

Amitav Ghosh, one of today's most widely known Indian authors, will read from his work and discuss his background at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, in the Edmund S. Muskie Archives at Bates College. The public is invited to attend free of charge.

Ghosh's books include "The Circle of Reason," "The Shadow Lines," "In An Antique Land," "Dancing in Cambodia," and "The Calcutta Chromosome." His most recent book, "The Glass Palace" (Random House, 2001), a story of love and war, received the prestigious 2001 Frankfurt eBook Award in Fiction. Ghosh also writes regularly for The New Yorker magazine.

Ruth Scurr of The London Times called Ghosh "such a fascinating and seductive writer... sure of his human and historical insights, and confident in his ability to communicate them."

Ghosh was born in Calcutta in 1956. He studied at St. Stephen's College, Delhi; St. Edmund Hall, Oxford; and the Faculty of Arts, University of Alexandria. He worked for the Indian Express newspaper in New Delhi and earned his doctorate at Oxford before he wrote his first novel.

"The Circle of Reason" won the Prix Medici Estranger, one of France's top literary awards, and "The Shadow Lines" won the Sahitya Akademi Award, India's most coveted literary prize. "The Calcutta Chromosome" won the 1997 Arthur C. Clarke Award and will be filmed by Gabriele Salvatores, the Oscar-winning director of "Mediterraneo."

Ghosh received the 1999 Pushcart Prize, a

leading literary award, for an essay published in Kenyon Review. He was a 1999 finalist in the reporting category for the National Magazine Awards for a story he wrote the previous year in The New Yorker.

Ghosh joined the faculty at Queens College in the City University of New York as a professor of comparative literature, teaching writing and film and literature. He previously taught at Columbia University, Delhi School of Economics, Center for Social Sciences in Calcutta and the University of Virginia. Ghosh's visit to Bates College is sponsored by the college's Multicultural Center.

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## RA Passes Election Reform, Budget Committee Amends Guidelines

*RA Meeting, from front*

judging by the limited computer access of those studying abroad, Barsky insisted, "We are privileging those abroad who have the ability to vote." However there was strong opposition to this amendment. Travis Crook noted that "If we're trying to open voting up to more people, I think it is essential that we make it so that everyone has a say." The opposition proved strong enough to defeat the proposed amendment.

Discussion then turned to a second proposed amendment, this one by Solomon Berman. Berman argued that the RA should not have the power to decide upon the final two candidates, but instead the entire student body should vote in both the primary and the final election. Speaking against this proposed amendment, Barsky stated, "We are a body for the students...we are elected to represent their views." However, Physics Club Representative James Peyster offered the example of the potential for a "dark horse." Peyster presented the situation where a student who is not in general favor of the RA is unable to win the primary, even though he/she is well respected by the student body. Peyster's arguments proved convincing as Berman's amendment was passed.

Voting on the election reform legislation closed at 12pm, passing by a count of 67 to 13. A two-thirds majority of the current RA body, not just those present at the meeting was necessary for the constitutional amendment.

The second bill passed Monday night, authored by Melissa Wilcox, amended the RA Budget Committee Guidelines. Important changes included that Budget Committee members will now all have one vote in budget proceedings, including the RA treasurer; clubs and organizations must send a representative to a meeting with the Treasurer prior to September 30 or the club or organization risks losing funding. Other changes include that a club will no longer be able to use RA money to purchase any sort of merchandise, alcohol, pay club members or pay off debt incurred prior to March of the previous year.

## Bates Faculty Passes Emergency Resolution Condemning Homophobia

*Faculty Meeting, from front*

the difference between the words, with Imber quipping, "What English has done to the subjunctive is a crime." The amendment failed, with the language remaining as "should."

Professor of Political Science Leslie Hill urged the faculty to pass the resolution and "stop fiddling."

The question of whether or not it was in the faculty's best interest to legislate this type of attitude came up again and again. "I'm uncomfortable with us as a legislative body legislating attitudes," said Psychology professor Michael Sargent. Andrucki said, "Are we entering a space where we are limiting free speech? I raise these concerns in the spirit of what will this resolution mean for religious discourse? There are Orthodox Jews on this campus, there are conservative Christians, there are Muslims.... If we want to go rushing into something like this [without fully debating the consequences and implications] then we have some serious self-examination to do."

Imber responded to Andrucki's comment, saying, "We should say – let there be a conflict, because then there will be more discourse. This is good."

Smith spoke for the resolution; "This resolution asks us to consider these issues in a variety of settings and mediums."

Rand asked her colleagues to pass the resolution, reminding, "A friendly environment does not exist for all in the classroom."

Andrucki maintained his perspective, "We claim to be a diverse institution...the idea that we must create a conformity [of opinion] on any issue is abhorrent."

After nearly an hour and a half of heated debate, the resolution passed by a majority vote. One of the thirteen students who were at the meeting to listen and show support for the resolution, senior Kristen O'Toole said, "I'm really glad it passed. After a lot of what was said I didn't think it was going to pass." O'Toole said she wasn't sure that goal of the resolution was to "do anything...I think the goal was to implement the same type of legislation that already exists for sexism and racism."

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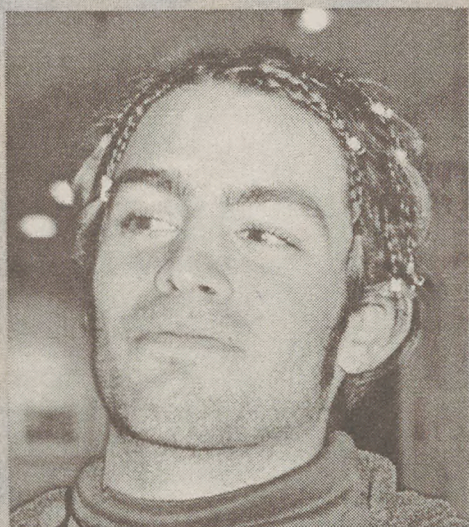
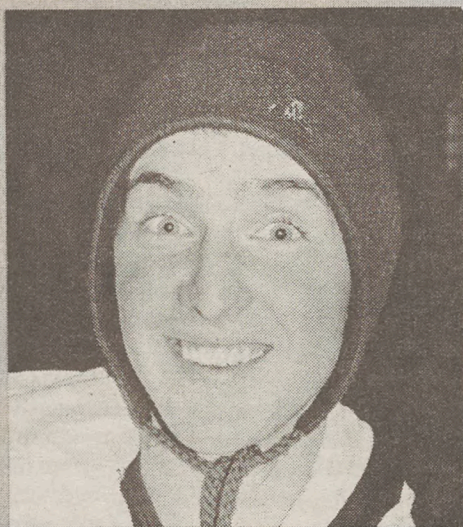


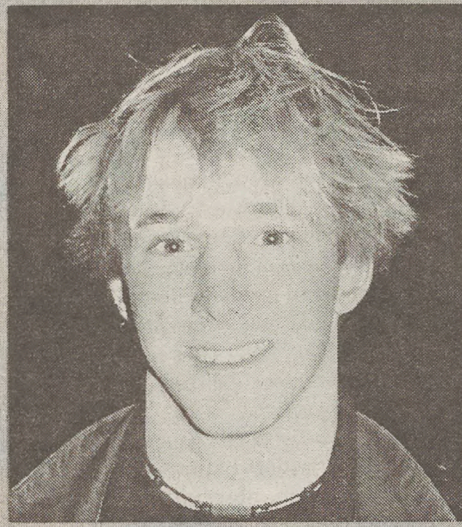
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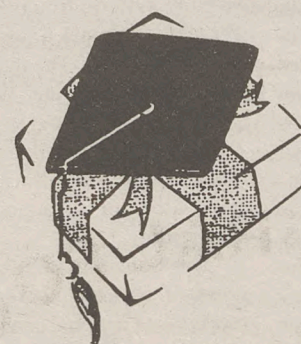
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## Student Life

## TWO MONTHS LATER

## An Account Of Eight Bates Students In Washington D.C.

by ERIN AUDRA RUSS  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

While some Americans nationwide rush to army supply stores for gas masks, eight Bates students avoid such extremes as we brave the front-line of America in no other place but Washington D.C.

Two months after the initial strike against the United States, Kristina Berlin, Adam Gibboney, Brent Jarkowski, Victoria McMillin, Nick Pangallo, Dave Rice, Matt Scherzer, and myself, speak out on living in the middle of a bull's-eye.

All eight Bobcats are juniors at Bates, studying at the Washington Semester Program at American University in the nation's capitol.

The Washington Semester Program includes a comprehensive curriculum dedicated to giving college students hands-on experience in the heart of the nation. This experience comes from internship participation for at least two days a week, and a seminar class, which consists of discussion, speakers, and field trips.

Despite the reputation earned by the Monica Lewinsky and Chandra Levi scandals, the Washington internship is actually a great learning experience filled with responsibility and the ability to make great connections.

Needless to say, September 11 changed many aspects of our internships. Dave Rice, who works for Morgan Stanley, knew members of his office who were in the World Trade Center during the attack. Luckily, they made it out. He recalls, however, "people were crying and were sad."

The anthrax scare shook us all, especially Adam Gibboney, Matt Scherzer, and Nick Pangallo. These three all worked on Capitol Hill, faced potential exposure to the deadly disease, and were required to take Cipro (the anti-biotic used against anthrax).

Gibboney interned for the Senate Finance Committee and was working next door to Senator Daschle's office in the Senate Hart Building on October 15. "If the wind was blowing the other way, I would have been exposed," he recalls. Since then Gibboney has left his position after the terrorist attacks changed the focus of the Senate Finance Committee and steered the work away from Gibboney's interests. He now interns for the former Ambassador to China.

Pangallo returns to work for Congressman John Baldacci (ME-2) this week after spending over two weeks away from his office located in the Longworth Building. During decontamination of the building, haz-mat crews discovered anthrax spores in three offices, including Congressman Baldacci's chambers. However, since local medical facilities were overwhelmed with testing, they refused to test Pangallo to determine if he was truly exposed. Instead he was placed on Cipro and advised to contact a physician if he exhibited symptoms. "I'm ok," Pangallo says as he shakes a can of Cipro.

Even if not directly exposed to anthrax in the work environment, the

other four Bates students faced changes in their internship. Brent Jarkowski and Kristina Berlin report changes in the focus of their offices.

Berlin, an intern for the National Defense Foundation, noticed her boss, an expert on military affairs, has been called by the press more often to comment on military action.

Jarkowski, who works for Kimbell and Associates, a lobbyist firm for biomedical research, observed decreasing business. The company's mission has also shifted recently to lobbying for airport defense mechanisms.

As an intern for the Washington Bureau of Cox Broadcasting, I also noticed a significant change in my work. The Bureau is much more intense due to the constant flow of breaking news. Being in the office on September 11, on October 15 for the Daschle anthrax outbreak, and many other significant events, I learned the fundamentals to news: work fast, but make sure to be fair and accurate. Standing on the lawn of the Capitol Building interviewing former Ohio Senator and Astronaut John Glenn, I realized this national tragedy has opened a world of opportunity for me to help our nation stay informed.

Even two months later, our classroom experience is still affected. Our class schedule shifts sometimes because guest speakers are delayed, need to reschedule, and sometimes cancel altogether. Some of our field trips are postponed or cancelled. Jarkowski, a student in the Public Law program, was told his class would not be able to visit the FBI building as planned.

Despite the upsets in our schedules, "it's a great time to watch the national response first hand," says Pangallo, a student in the American Politics program.

Gibboney and Berlin, both in the Foreign Policy Program, noticed the government's actions overseas are a "hot issue" for their speakers.

Being in Washington isn't all work with no play. Our social and personal lives have also changed since September 11.

The Washington Metro, the city's subway system, troubles us greatly. We all feel the lack of security makes it an easy target. The metro remains, however, our lifeline. We need it to go to work, class, and to enjoy social activities. Even in the midst of her daily routine, McMillin reports she is more alert for suspicious behavior when riding.

The constant bombardment of news affects us all. In our dorms, we receive free national papers and cable in our rooms. Scherzer finds himself rationing the news. He describes the news with a quote from Joel Achenbach, as his "daily terror round-up."

With all the news flowing through the city, Gibboney, McMillin, and Berlin, are concerned about "urban legends," describing potential attacks. Victoria believes we sometimes, "terrorize ourselves."

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## Theater

## Fall Production Haunts Audience

STAGE RENDITION OF HUXLEY'S  
"BRAVE NEW WORLD" DISAPPOINTSStudent Actors And Original Music Make Up  
For Script's Shortcomingsby KERRIN ARFSTEN  
STAFF WRITER

"Welcome students, one and all, to the Central London Hatchery and Conditioning Centre." The light in the theatre dims and an eerie sound begins to fill the room. In a flash we see in front of us the bare, white walls of the Central London Hatchery. Two women and a man wearing hospital scrub like suits are engaged in a quiet conversation. The whole scenery exudes sterility. The glass tunnel that crosses the stage provides a rather futuristic and almost starship-like quality.

Welcome to the future. On Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this past week, the Bates Theatre Company under the direction of Paul Kuritz brought Aldous Huxley's famous novel "Brave New World" to life and to the Bates Campus.

"Brave New World" tells the story of a man named Bernard Marx (Σ). Marx, despite belonging to the highest caste of alpha pluses, grows increasingly dissatisfied with the way he is leading his life. In his society people know nothing other than perfectly clean rooms and streets. They don't know sickness or old age. They don't know about religion. They know no books or unhappiness.

They know nothing about commitment or about families. In his society 'mother' and 'father' are terms left behind in the past. The times where children were raised by parents are long gone, the time of "suffocating intimacies, what dangerous, insane, obscene relationships between the members of the group", the times when "maniacally, the mother brooded over her children". "Yes, you may well shudder" but those times are gone.

Now babies are not born they are hatched. Via Bokanovsky's process, the Central London Hatchery is able to create between eight and 96 embryos from only one single egg, all of which will be identical twins. A statement of the world's motto: "Community, Identity, Stability." One egg, one embryo, one adult—normality.

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only one grew before. That is what they call progress. But sometimes things are not as controllable.

Bernard Marx is one of the few independent minds in the society, who cuts himself loose from Soma, the drug which leads to forgetfulness and happiness, and desires to understand where this society evolved from. He feels that there has to be more to this world. He longs for something a lot deeper and more complicated than the superficially generated happiness of a world where everyone belongs to everyone else. In his attempt to escape and to seek clarity he jaunts off on a vacation to the New Mexico reservoir, accompanied by Lenina Crowe (Σ), a woman of extraordinary beauty and appeal but also with a strong sense of the status quo.

It is at the reservoir that they meet a savage John (Andrew Akre). He was born and raised in the reservoir by his mother. Lenina is shocked by her experience of the reality of human life that she encounters in the reservoir. She is disgusted by the flies and terrified by the signs of old age. John, however, captures her attention and she de-

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What Is She  
Wearing?A Behind The Scenes  
Look At The Costumes  
In "Brave New World"by KATE PREISSLER  
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If you went to any of the performances of "Brave New World" this weekend you know that there was one aspect of the production that was impossible to ignore. No, I'm not talking about the Controller's bald head, though that certainly was something wasn't it? I'm talking about the stunning "party-for-your-eyes" that was the set of costumes. While watching the play, the question that was in everyone's minds was obviously "Wow! What if the escalating threats of violence and bioterrorism really do scare our society into giving up any sense of individualism and emotional freedom in order to obtain stability and artificially-created perpetual contentment?" But, really, wouldn't the more appropriate question have been "Wow! Where did they get all these amazing costumes?"

This past weekend's production of "Brave New World" boasted a cast of seventeen playing thirty separate characters, who, all together, wore a total of over 120 fitted and custom-made articles of cloth-

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## College Orchestra Draws A Crowd



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Members of the Bates College Orchestra performing Gorecki's Third Symphony Saturday Night.



# Complexities Of "Brave New World" Are More Than Can Be Absorbed In Two-Hour Play

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velops an immediate infatuation with this Shakespeare—reciting stranger. He is unlike anyone she has ever seen. For a small moment Lenina is at ease in the world that is so alien to her. One moment later Lenina is yanked out of her daze by the most surreal and disturbing entrance of John's mother Linda (Louisa Jensen).

In conversation Marx finds out that John is the child of the controller and that Linda has been sent away so as not to raise a scandal. To save his endangered position at the Hatchery, Bernard Marx decides to take both of them back to his world. It is back in Bernard's world that the Savage emerges as the most sympathetic character, and we often identify most with him when he lashes out in despair. For example, after his mother dies, in circumstances which further alienate him, or when he tries to interrupt the distribution of soma.

The rest of the play circles around the clash between the two civilizations. The conflict is framed by an intense and stimulating dialog between John and Mustapha Mond (Σ), the Resident World Controller for Western Europe, who himself has read Shakespeare like the savage, but has chosen to abandon his human passions for the position of world controller. The plot culminates in the savage's escape. He finds that he can no longer take the psychological pressures of this futuristic society and finds relief in choosing his own death.

The very contemporary setting of the play and the drastically abbreviated version of Huxley's novel made it, at times, hard for the audience to swallow. Huxley's novel is so full of detail and intellectual provocation that it is extremely difficult to condense the volume into a less than two-hour play without losing the essence of his work.

It seemed that for someone entirely unfamiliar with the content and significance of Huxley's novel, the plot might have been a little too difficult to grasp. The content is not to be taken lightly. It is meant to stimulate thought and it is certainly not directed to be a crowd-pleaser.

It is unfortunate that the script as it was did not do justice to the richness of Huxley's novel. Nonetheless, credit needs to be given to the actors, who made the best out of what they had to work with. When only a few weeks prior to the performance some of the actors were skeptical about the performance power of the piece, a more positive outlook was generated after the opening performance on Thursday night.

Junior Andrew Akre and sophomore Nathan Holt came out strong and carried the performance by their extraordinary acting. Holt's interpretation of the World Controller Mustapha Mond was by far one of the most spectacular and breath-

taking acting experiences I have witnessed in a student production. His first appearance on stage led me to hold my breath in surreal disbelief as the sliding door opened and revealed a being that, in the way his posture was directed, made him appear like a 12 foot re-incarnation of Kinski's Dracula himself.

John Savage, performed by Andrew Akre, was the other pillar of the production. Akre did a marvelous job at portraying the character of John, torn between the values of Shakespearean romanticism and the sterile rationalization of human life. A character driven into despair by the death of his repulsing mother, for whom he displays an unconditional love until the end, and his doomed -to-failure relationship with the shallow but beautiful Lenina.

The high point of the performance was certainly the dialog between Mond and John. I liked how Mond argued—sometimes on the Savage's level and sometimes in the idiom of the society he oversees.

Credit must also be given to the stage design, which I thought was very supporting to the theme and the plot. The white colors allowed for the sense of sterility and cleanliness that was required in the scenes taking place at the Hatchery, but it also permitted for the technicians to drown the stage in a blood red and fiery yellow during the savage's sacrificial scenes, underlining the contrast between the two opposing cultures.

It was not so much the stage design, however, which took the audience into a world apart from ours, but the contribution of Bostonian Alison Reid's musical composition. The music, intended to "reflect the sounds of technological society," created an anxious tension that one usually experiences during scary movies.

In the preview it was noted that the play is meant to generate laughter to ease up the sometimes-heavy plot but it should be noted that that was hardly the case. The subtle and pointy humor of Huxley's satire on the future seemed almost entirely lost. What was left was an intense sensation of disturbance, especially in the death scene of John's mother, Linda. Drugged up with more Soma than one body can handle, she goes on to laugh hysterically until she chokes and dies. From the eerie music over the disbelieving death of Linda to the self-whipping of John, the play was more disturbing than humorous. It left me—and I am sure I was not the only one—with a large knot in my stomach.

## Student Reflections On Harrowing Semester Of Study In Washington

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Regardless, we continue with our lives. Pangallo is "not scared," and still goes out.

Brent Jarkowski goes out about five times a week for various social activities. He reports, "ironically, the social scene hasn't decreased but has perhaps improved because with added stress and worry to life, the need and desire to go out and dine, dance and indulge has become necessary for the Washingtonian Soul."

Even the frightening rumors of Halloween terror did not stop these bobcats from having a good time. Many of us explored Georgetown on Halloween night—a tradition full of fun and excitement. "I was surprised to see no one made fun of the situation," says Rice, "which shows the seriousness of the recent events."

Yes, as anyone can imagine, September 11 has changed our off-campus experience. Two months after the terrorists' initial blows, we still feel the tremors. And while the national tragedy spurred twelve Washington Semester Students to pack up and go home, we are still standing proud and making the most of our experience in the nation's capitol.

## Food

# An Inside Look At Harvest Dinner

by MELISSA WILCOX  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The smell of pine boughs in the air, Maine bands pumping out country and jazz, hot apple cider cooking outside, and steaming turkey and mashed potatoes piled high; ah, the wonders of Harvest Dinner at Bates College. Have you ever wondered how much this spectacular event costs the school? I've heard people gripe that the school spends tens of thousands of dollars on extravagant events like the Harvest Dinner and then deprives us of other necessities. One visit with some of the wonderful Commons administrative folks unveiled the truth.

All of the upperclassmen know that there is food galore at Harvest Dinner. If you don't walk away from dinner Wednesday night ready to burst, then it is not yet time for you to leave. The additional food needed to feed everyone at Harvest Dinner will run about \$1,500 over the cost of a normal Commons dinner. Dining services does, however, try to cut back on costs in every way possible. Christine Schwartz, Associate Director of Dining Services, enthusiastically informed me of their savings of \$1,200 this year by making their own fried dough rather than hiring an outside vendor.

The administration is also very aware of the concerns of the students when it comes to genetic engineering and sustainability. Bob Volpi, the Director of Dining Services, was proud to tell me about the Maine-farmed turkeys in which Commons has invested this year. These free-range turkeys are bred, born, and raised in Maine, and they are fed with feed guaranteed to be free of genetically modified organisms (gmo). Turkeys to feed the entire Bates campus will run about \$1,500. Some might be worried about the food waste created by such a large dinner. Fear not... Commons does not leave ANYTHING to waste. Scraps from food preparation (such as eggshells and vegetable peels) are composted, food we leave on our plates is sent off to Maine pig farms, the napkins are recycled, and food that is prepared but not served is sent to the local homeless shelters, Hope Haven and Trinity Church.

The entertainment for this year's Harvest Dinner will consist of a few local, Maine bands, the traditional hay ride, and a special entertainer from the Maine Historical Society. It is the special entertainment, along with the decorations, that really make Harvest Dinner a unique occasion. For the first-years out there, think of the weekly "Adventures in Dining," and multiply that ten times. Watch out "Cartoon Breakfast Night," because here comes Harvest Dinner. The total cost for all of the entertainment will be about \$1,500. To put this into perspective, Bates paid about \$1,500 for the single performance of juggler Mark Nizer.

Commons does a great job with cost effectiveness when it comes to decorations. About half of the decorations that you will see on Wednesday night have been recycled from previous years. Many items are generously donated for the evening from different people around campus.

Decorations will cost a total of \$700, and that covers the ice sculptures and pine trees. After the dinner, the pine trees are donated to Advocates for Children so that families that might not otherwise have them will have Christmas trees for the holidays.

Staff and faculty may buy tickets to the dinner. If staff and faculty volunteer to help at the dinner, then they receive a free dinner and a Harvest Dinner t-shirt. The Commons administration has cleverly created this volunteer process in an effort to save on extra labor costs for the big night. The t-shirts will cost an additional \$1,000.

So, for those non-math majors, the total additional cost of the Bates College Harvest Dinner will be \$6,200. If you divide this by the approximate number of students on campus, the meal costs about \$3.65 per person (and that's not including the money made by faculty and staff paying for their meals). I can't think of anywhere else that a person might be able to enjoy such an elegant, fun-filled Thanksgiving feast for less than \$4 per person (unless maybe you'd like to go to McDonald's and order from their dollar menu for a nice Thanksgiving dinner).

## The Life Of A Costume

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ing (And that's not even counting the little shoe-covers that some of the characters wore!). "But," you ask once again, "from whence did these marvelous visions in blue and white come?" You might not believe it but, with very few exceptions, all were created right here on the Bates College campus. Each came into being in the same small, dusty, poorly ventilated room below Schaeffer Theater in Pettigrew Hall. (Yeah, I know, what room in Pettigrew is *not* small, dusty and poorly-ventilated?). Maybe self; it's the room full of sewing machines.

In a moment rivaling the incredible birth of the goddess Athena from the head of Zeus, the designs for the costumes of "Brave New World" burst forth from Ellen Seeling's mind to be written down in the "Costume Shop Bible" and become the permanent reference point against which each costume made would have to live up to. The next step in the costume-making process involves scouring the far corners of the world (or at least of Northern New England) for the perfect cloth. The costumes, this time were made from a huge range of fabrics including everything from the ever-luxuriant "pleather" to "faux-fur" to my personal favorite, the hairy, blue and white, shiny, zebra printed fabric of the infamous ten-foot-long "feely-star stole."

By this point it might surprise you to know that half the costumes at least have already been made. "Costumes made before the fabric is even bought?" you say, "That's impossible, you are pulling my leg for sure." But really, I kid you not. Before the final costume is started, a replica of each costume is made of tan muslin and it is this that is used as a pattern to fit the actors. Almost as soon as those designs are set down in that book, Kathy Peters, reigning Queen of the Costume shop, and her little magic elves (also known as Bates students, mostly female) were already elbow deep in rolls of the tan muslin.

After all the actors have come in and been fitted out in that oh so stylish muslin, the great week comes when it is time to tear everything apart. Ripping apart

pieces of clothing that you have spent hours working on might not seem like your idea of fun, but trust me, by that point you hate anything the color tan, made by your own hands or not. Fear not, though, ye muslin-lovers, the muslin originals do not go to waste but become the linings which give those "Brave New World" costumes their stiff, futuristic look.

Before we go any further, let us take a moment here, to address all those who may doubt the relative importance of costumes in a production. In the same way that a good play is brought alive by a good set and the talent of the actors, an excellent set of costumes can add considerable depth and dimension. Just think of how different your reaction would have been had the Arch Community Songster appeared wearing jeans and a T-shirt rather than that wonderful furry hat, tabard, and gold staff? The blue and white also served the added purpose of acting as a visual representation of the strict caste system in place in the "Brave New World."

The last performance of "Brave New World" ended just after four on Sunday afternoon. By 5 o'clock all the costumes were taken from the dressing room, checked off and hung up to await their ultimate fate. But what is that ultimate fate?

Have you ever looked up while sitting the Black Box Theater? (Have you ever been in the Black Box Theater?) If you have you will probably have seen a small window. Have you ever wondered to where that window led? Well, if you promise to keep my secret I will tell you onto what that mysterious window opens. It is a room that I like to refer to (actually which I just decided to refer to) as the "Costume Graveyard." Rows and rows of costumes bought or made for some distant show, altered for some person long since graduated (probably even a few whose original actors have since passed away of old age) hang, crammed together and shoved where ever there is room. They lie in wait for the day when someone will again need their particular look, perhaps for a Halloween costume or small stage production, but chances are that never again will they shine under the bright lights of Shaeffer.

## CORRECTION

In the Tuesday, October 30, 2001 issue of the Bates Student, Staff Writer Kerrin Arfsten's article, which reviewed the Boston Symphony Orchestra's performance of the Berlioz Requiem conducted by Seiji Ozawa, failed to cite sources of information on the BSO. The review made use of the pre-concert speech and the BSO Season Brochure not only to provide basic information on the conductor's astonishing life accomplishments, but also on the composition and history of the Requiem itself. The article did not, however, identify and acknowledge these sources properly. Anyone interested in these sources may view the Boston Symphony Orchestra brochure for the 2001-2002 season or the Sony classical music website which contains very similar information. *The Bates Student* hopes this information will add to the article's usefulness and further educate our readers.



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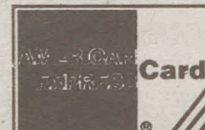
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## The Story Of Scooter

by MATT GAGNE  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

I took out the mittens, the scarf, and the old puddle jumpers, and headed out in search of what I had been missing all along. I didn't know where I was going or what I was looking for, but I was on my way. I thought I had a better chance of seeing Elvis streak down College Street playing the bagpipes and juggling fire than chancing upon some great epiphany. But one hit me, right in the junk.

The culprit: One of those damn frisbees with the words "Kids need hugs not drugs" etched on the front. I reached down to pick up the plastic saucer, but Scooter McGroter swiped it from my grasp. I stood there, in awe, with my jaw firmly entrenched in the ground.

Scooter is rumored to be the best Frisbee player in all the land, but after seeing him in person, it's hard to think that the 5'4" sack of skin and bones has any athletic ability except the occasional croquet bank-shot off the old oak tree. But there he was, in all his glory, Frisbee in hand, with a smirk as wide as Queen Latifah's behind.

Few people have the privilege of ever seeing Scooter. He's a legend, but it's his mystique that far surpasses his talent. He comes from a small village in the foothills of North Dakota. A town where everyone says please and thank you, and where no one reads the paper because your business is already their business - all 32 of 'em. Scooter graduated first in his class at the Sheepstown School Hut, and petitioned to enroll in seven classes per semester at Bates College. He maintains a 4.2 GPA and won the prestigious Lilton Mindholm Scholar-Athlete Award after his first year. But he turned it down, saying he didn't need recognition to feel special, and that, when it is right, his time will come.

I asked Scooter what he was doing outside on such a cold day, and he just laughed. "Practice, as usual," he said, swirling the disc around his finger. A second later, he flung the Frisbee and knocked a Coke can off the adjacent fence, and I began to wonder about the accuracy of the junk shot.

Seeing his pale figure in the drizzling rain, I finally knew what it meant to be an athlete. He was out there, all alone, sometimes as early as 4 a.m., with no moral strength in numbers, and no support from the "biggest team" on campus. He'd just throw the Frisbee up, and chase it. Throw it up, and chase

it, and keep on throwing it until he puked out his intestines. I had to admire his pride. He wasn't playing for endorsements, or even for a shot at the Olympics. Hell, he didn't even have a real varsity season to look forward to come springtime.

Do you ever feel ignored I asked? "Of course not, I grew up in a town of poor white folks," he joked. "I use to lay out in the fields back home and wait for gophers to pop up. Sometimes it'd take hours, even days. Then I'd chase those little suckers around 'til they dropped. Then I'd make supper." Come on now, I said. "Well, sometimes," he added, "I get a little angry because some varsity athletes on campus think they're just coolest thing since freezer pops and petting zoos because they beat Colby, but the truth is that it's just one win, and no one really cares."

Scooter doesn't like to draw attention to himself, especially in front of his peers. But it seems as though things may be changing. He says he plays a quiet and refined sport, and loves it just as much as his second cousin Isabelle, who is majoring in horticulture at Boston University. Yet, Scooter hints there may come a time when he may retire from the Frisbee circuit and take his game elsewhere.

"Football looks really fun," he said. "And, oh, yes! There's cross country, and soccer, and volleyball, and baseball, and basketball, and, oh my, there's so much to do! So little time! Ah, there's only one of me! And studying, it's a lot my friend!"

What about Rowing, I said?

"Rowing? Hhhmmm. Yes, I've canoed once. It was one time when a gopher took off across the pond back home. I've never seen a gopher swim before or after that, but it did. I swear on my Aunt Bessy's grave, God bless the poor woman. Anyway, I don't want to brag or anything, but I caught it. But it still kind of makes me angry."

I wanted to reach over and give the numskull a friendly noogie, but I held back. I wasn't out to disrespect such a finely tuned athletic specimen. He was the master of his domain, the Michael Jordan of the dish, the emperor of one of the most beautiful and noble sports in the world. But I let curiosity get the best of me. Ever heard of crew, I asked?

"Indeed! Indeed!" he shouted, and his face lit up like a Christmas tree. "They throw some bitch-kickin' parties man!"

## Spector And Critchlow Named All-NESCAC

Senior goalkeeper Dan Spector of Framingham, Mass., and junior back Jeff Critchlow of Carlisle, Mass., have been selected to the All-New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) men's soccer second team.

Spector, a tri-captain and 1999 All-New England selection, earns his first All-NESCAC honor. He stopped 64 of the 81 shots he faced this season, giving him a .790 save percentage and a 1.18 goals-against average, fifth-best in the NESCAC. Spector recorded 2.5 shutouts in 2001, giving him 17.5 for his career and making him Bates' all-time leader in that category.

His two complete-game shutouts came against the University of Southern Maine Oct. 2 and against Colby-Bates-Bowdoin (CBB) rival Colby College Oct. 27. That game ended in a 0-0 tie, the second of Spector's career, and also clinched the Bobcats'

spot in their first NESCAC tournament. Spector made a season-high 10 saves in another overtime contest, 1-1 against conference runners-up Middlebury on Oct. 14, a day after breaking his hand in another 1-1 conference tie at Wesleyan. Spector played every moment of Bates' final four games with a broken hand. In addition to his 17.5 shutouts, Spector posted a 1.12 career goals-against average and an .806 career save percentage.

Critchlow was one of the Bobcats' top backs for a team that allowed just 17 goals in 15 games this season. He also scored his second career goal Oct. 20 against Connecticut College on a free kick which proved to be the game-winner. Critchlow enters his senior season with two goals and two assists for six points. He is also a member of the Bates men's lacrosse team.

## Get Cy Young Straight

by MATT MEYERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

This week Major League Baseball will announce its Cy Young award winners and it seems like the public perception is that in one of the leagues the award will be a landslide, and in the other league it will be close. I agree with this sentiment; however, I think the public has gotten the league's mixed up.

At this point in time, it seems fairly clear that the baseball writers of America are going to give the AL Cy Young award to Roger Clemens by a fairly significant margin. This is based mostly on the fact that he started the season with a record of 20-1 before finishing with a record of 20-3. That figure blows away most voters and blinds them from considering any other candidate even if they might have had better numbers in other categories. Before reading further, please closely examine the chart below.

	CG	IP	SO	BB	ERA
Pitcher A	4	228.2	214	42	3.15
Pitcher B	0	220.1	213	72	3.51

By looking at these statistics, I think it is fair to assume that Pitcher A had the better season and would therefore deserve the Cy Young award over Pitcher B. Does it surprise you to know that Pitcher A is Mike Mussina and Pitcher B is Roger Clemens? Mussina was better than Clemens in every statistical category except for wins and losses. Clemens finished at 20-3 and Mussina finished at 17-10. Since they play for the same team, I can think of no other reason than luck to attribute to Clemens superior record. He had bet-

ter run support than Mussina and the Yankee bats bailed him out on numerous occasions, and that is what accounts for Clemens having a better winning percentage. Mussina has been a winning pitcher his entire career so the argument that "Clemens just knows how to win" can be thrown out the window. The Cy Young award should go to the pitcher who was the most dominant in their league and should not be given to the pitcher who had the best record by virtue of amazing run support. The numbers clearly show that Mussina, as well as Freddy Garcia and Mark Mulder pitched better than Clemens this season.

In the National League, there seems to be the belief that it will come down to the wire between teammates Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling. Now I realize that everyone loves Schilling and he had an excellent year but let's be serious about all of this. Johnson had an ERA that was half a run lower than Schilling's while striking out 79 more hitters. While Schilling had more innings pitched, fewer walks and one more victory (with the same amount of losses) than Johnson, it is not enough to make up for Johnson's enormous advantage in ERA and strikeouts.

Too often the mass media gets caught up with certain stats that do not measure players correctly. When it comes to pitchers, wins and losses have come to have more meaning than ERA, strikeouts and walks even though those are the statistics that really allow us to compare pitchers most effectively. If you use logic, the NL has a clear cut winner while the AL picture is much more muddled, not the other way around.

## First Year IM Volleyball

by RUSS ANDERSON  
IM COORDINATOR

In the last night of the regular season of First Year Intramural Volleyball, the seedings were determined for the upcoming playoffs. "Milli-Smith" got an automatic victory over the defunct "Parker Posse" who once again failed to show up.

The "Cash Money Millionaires" held the upper hand in their match with "Hedge Hall" due to the fact that they showed up. "Soul Grease" snuck by "Smith South 2" 25-30, 30-26, 15-9.

The "Clason Cannibals" solidified their second place finish with a 30-27, 30-17 reaming of "Ryans Team". The regular season finale was, fittingly,

a 30-18, 30-16 clobbering of "Smith South 1" by league powerhouse "Page 4th Floor". And here are the final regular season standings.

### Standings

1. Page 4th Floor.....7-0
2. Clason Cannibals.....6-1
3. Ryan's Team.....5-2
3. Soul Grease.....5-2
5. Smith South 2.....3-4
6. Cash Money Millionaires..2-5
6. Hedge Hall.....2-5
6. Smith South 1.....2-5
6. Milli Smith.....2-5
10. Parker Posse.....0-7

## Bobcat Of The Week



Justin Easter

Of all of this year's fall athletes, none of them have been as consistently dominant as Justin Easter. Therefore, it is only fitting that he is the Bobcat of the Week for the final week of the fall season.

This past weekend, Easter took third place at the New England Division III qualifying meet at Westfield St. college. This finish earned him a spot at this weeks nationals as well as making him an All-American. Easter finished just thirteen seconds off of the winner.

"This was a significant breakthrough race for Justin," said Coach Al Fereshetian. "as he was in eighth place at the four-mile mark, and closed with a huge 4:43 last mile, the first 400 meters of which are uphill."

This Saturday Easter will travel to Illinois as Bates lone representative at the Division III national championship.

Easter's performance at the qualifying meet came on the heels of a fourth place finish at the NESCAC championship the previous week which earned Easter a spot on the All-NESCAC team.

This is the third time that Easter has qualified for the NCAA Division III cross country championships and it is the seventh time that a runner at Bates has qualified for nationals.

Easter is also a two-time All-American for Bates in the steeplechase during the outdoor track and field season.

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## Football

## Disappointing Season Ends With Disappointing Loss

by MATT GAGNE  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Two seasons, one result — a winning streak that could have been.

Coming off the heels of an overtime win against Bowdoin last week, the

Bates College football team dropped its season finale to Hamilton College, 22-13, at Steuben Field on Saturday. The loss marks the second consecutive season the Bobcats downed Bowdoin for their only win, only to lose to the Continentals a week later.

"The offense was not as consistent as we needed to be," Bates coach Mark

Harriman said. "This kept Hamilton in the game from a momentum standpoint. We were inconsistent in all phases of the game. At times we did things very well and other times we were ineffective."

Hamilton jumped out to an early 6-0 lead on a three-yard run up the middle

by Chris Weeden, topping off a seven-play, 56-yard drive just three minutes into the contest. Weeden rushed for 160 yards, and set a school record with 41 carries in the game to complement his two-touchdown performance. Peter Simon failed to connect on the point-after.

The Bobcats took their only lead of the game with 3:55 left in the first quarter. Quarterback Kane Jankoski connected with Owen Mische on a six-yard slant route, and Nat Carr connected on the point-after to put Bates up, 7-6. All-NESCAC running back Sean Atkins paced the offense with 21 carries for 55 yards and 9 catches for 58.

But the lead was short lived.

With three seconds left in the quarter, Charles McCarthy fielded Jankoski's punt at his own 35 and rumbled 65 yards down the right sideline, hurdling tacklers and crossing the goal line virtually untouched. Simon connected on the point-after to put the Continentals up by six.

The Bobcats threatened to regain the lead late in the half, but twice failed to convert inside the red zone. Inside the five-minute mark, Carr missed field goals from 31 and 27 yards, leaving the ball wide right both times.

Bates rebounded and struck first in the second half, scoring on a four-yard play-action pass from Jankoski to fullback Paul Tenney. Carr's point after was blocked, leaving the score tied at 13 apiece. Jankoski finished the afternoon 17 for 29 with 92 yards passing and two touchdowns, while Tenney racked in four catches for 22 yards.

With 48 seconds left in the third, the Continentals took a 16-13 lead on a 24-yard field goal by Simon. After little offense from either side through much of the fourth, Hamilton busted out a 10-play, 42-yard drive and went up by eight on a one-yard plunge by Weeden with 4:43 remaining. The score was set up by a throwback pass from quarterback Mike Pellman to McCarthy, who shook the defense in the right flats as the play rolled left. Pellman finished the day 8 for 16 with 92 yards.

"With only two seniors on the squad we obviously have a great nucleus returning," Harriman added. "The experience that the younger players gained will pay dividends for us next fall."

third place.

Team captain Rebecca Hakala was sixth for the women's team, as she placed one hundred eighteenth in 20:11. Lauren Shoff rounded out the Bates effort, finishing one hundred twenty-third in 20:16.

The depth of this year's women's squad cannot be overestimated. Bates' time spread from their first runner, Dutton, to their fifth, Gagne-Hall, was just over one minute. The team's entire time spread, first to seventh, was only one minute and twenty-six seconds.

This meet concluded the women's cross-country season for 2001. The Bobcats send no representatives to the NCAA Division III National Cross-Country Championship, to be held this Saturday, November 17, at Rock Island, Illinois.

## 'The Third Half?'

from back page

vision; they represent a high-class fan. Only poignant, tasteful criticisms are tolerated, such as Sam Kieley's playful suggestion to a balding ref to, "get your hair out of your eyes." Basic scouting and cheering preparation could be useful. Zahid Rathore '99 was notorious for scouring opponent's websites, searching for any sort of verbal ammunition, a weird middle name, marital status, lack of playing time, whatever.

By far the most essential requirement for "Third Half" status will be ownership of the official "Third Half" t-shirt. Details of the shirt are still under wraps, but sales are expected to commence shortly after Thanksgiving break. These shirts will serve to create a half of basketball unlike any other, a swarming sea of maroon, noise that will shake the walls, a basketball environment unparalleled in the NESCAC.

For decades fans have dedicated their undergraduate years to supporting Bates basketball, producing the liveliest basketball venue in New England, this commitment deserves and demands recognition. The "Third Half" will become a tradition for the ages, better get your shirt, history begins November 26th.

## M. Cross Country

## Easter Once Again Leads The Way For The Bobcats

by KEN WHITNEY  
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Bates junior Justin Easter placed third overall at the New England Division III NCAA Qualifying Meet on Saturday, earning him All-New England status for the third time in his collegiate career. The men's team placed seventh of thirty-five teams at the meet, finishing with a composite score of 232 points. Keene State College won the meet with fifty-four points. Bowdoin was second with eighty-three. Colby placed ninth with 291 points.

Individually, Keene State junior Mark Miller won the meet in 24:53. Ryan Bak of Trinity was second in 25:02.

Entering the qualifying meet, the Bobcats were seeded seventh in the latest New England Division III Coach's Poll. From this meet, only the top five teams in the region, along with the top eight individuals not on those teams, qualify for the national championships. The Bobcats failed, as a team, to advance to Nationals, as they placed seventh in the field.

However, Justin Easter qualified individually for his third consecutive NCAA Division III National Cross-Country Championship. In addition, he earned All-New England status, reserved for the region's top thirty-five runners. "(He) posted one of the best Regional races that any Bates runner has ever posted," said men's head coach Al Fereshetian. "This was a significant breakthrough race for Justin, as he was in eighth place at the four-mile mark, and closed with a huge 4:43 last mile. The first 400 meters of which are uphill." The Bates junior finished only four seconds behind Ryan Bak and thirteen seconds behind the re-

gional champion Mark Miller. "Justin timed his finishing drive perfectly and appears to be peaking at the perfect time for a great run at Nationals," said Fereshetian. "His progress (over his first three years) is a great example of what can happen when you dedicate yourself to being the best you can be." At this meet as a freshman, Easter placed 35th. Last year he was thirteenth.

Justin Easter will be the sole representative from Bates at the NCAA Division III National Cross-Country Championship, to be held at Rock Island, Illinois on this Saturday, November 17.

*"The goal for [these runners] and others in the program, will be to improve throughout the year so that when they return next year, they can all be running for the top 35 All-New England distinction. They certainly have the talent to do so."*  
-Coach Fereshetian

The Bobcats' second through sixth runners were all freshmen. Mike Downing just missed making All-New England status by placing 38th in 26:11. Robert Gomez was third for Bates, finishing 55th with a final time of 26:30. Andrius Staisiunas immediately followed him, placing 56th in 26:34. Freshman Joel Anderson completed the Bates scoring team, finishing 80th overall with a time of 26:58.

Ari de Wilde was sixth for the Bobcats, placing 103rd in 27:29. Sophomore John Plimpton rounded out the Bates squad, placing 105th with a time of 27:36.

"The goal for [these runners] and others in the program," said Fereshetian, "will be to improve throughout the year so that when they return next year, they can all be running for the top 35 All-New England distinction. They certainly have the talent to do so."

"As they work together and work consistently . . . throughout the year, it will become apparent to all these guys that they can get it done at that level."

The NCAA Qualifying Meet concluded a solid season for the men's cross-country team. Justin Easter will represent Bates at the NCAA championship this Saturday in Illinois.

## W. Cross Country

## Bates Grabs 10th At NCAA Qualifying

by KEN WHITNEY  
SPORTS COLUMNIST

The Bates women's cross-country team placed thirteenth in the NCAA Division III Qualifying Meet, held Saturday at Westfield State College in Westfield, Mass. Middlebury won the meet with sixty-five points. Williams was second with seventy-six, and Amherst followed with eighty-six points. Bowdoin finished seventh with one hundred ninety-nine points, and Colby was eleventh with three hundred twelve.

Julia Bensen, a junior from Williams, won the meet with a finishing time of 17:24. Jenn Campbell, a freshman also of Williams, placed second in 17:25. Mary Proulx of Keene State and Michela Adrian of Middlebury followed, with times of 17:26 and 17:27 respectively.

At this Qualifying Meet, only the top five teams, and the top eight individuals not affiliated with those teams, advance to the NCAA National Championships this Saturday.

The Bobcats, as a team, improved by three places and lowered their score by nearly one hundred points from last year's NCAA Qualifier. However, with their thirteenth place finish in the meet, they failed to qualify for Nationals.

Julie Dutton led the Bates squad, placing thirty-ninth with a time of 18:50. A Bates sophomore, Dutton just missed All-New England status, narrowly missing placement among the top thirty-five by five seconds. She improved from one hundred twenty-fourth place in last year's NCAA Qualifier.

Kelley Puglisi was second for Bates, placing fifty-first in 19:03; her finish was a lifetime best. Beth Pagnotta followed, placing third for Bates and sixty-fourth overall, with a time of 19:22. Freshman Katherine Creswell was eighty-seventh, fourth for Bates with a time of 19:42. Jessie Gagne-Hall completed the Bates scoring team with a time of 19:53, good for one hundred



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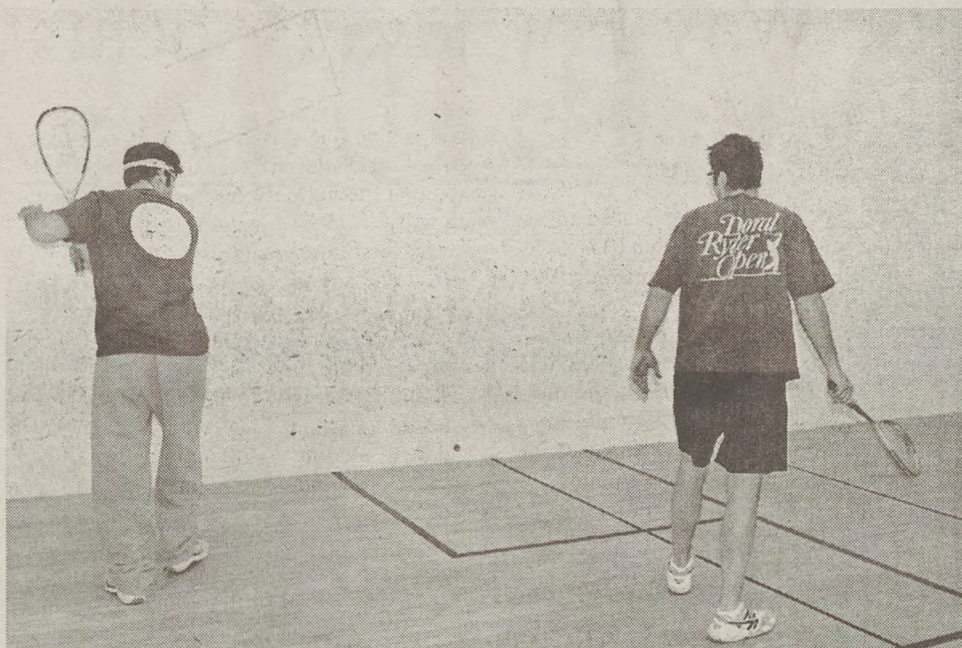
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## Bobcats Hope To Better Their #15 National Ranking



Andy Roberts hits a backhand during a work out

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by MATT MEYERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Although it may have slipped under the radar on the Bates campus, the men's squash team had its most successful season ever last winter by finishing fifteenth in the entire country. This season, the Bobcats hope to improve on this finish and go down as the best team in Bates history.

In the NISRA pre-season poll, Bates was ranked nineteenth in the country, behind a few teams who they finished ahead of last season, including Bowdoin and Colby. "Our ranking is low because we lost our top player" said senior Sam Kieley. "However, he will not be missed that much on the court because our team is much stronger at the top overall."

In order to achieve their goal of improving their ranking, the Bobcats will need to handle some serious changes. The most no-

table of these changes is the change of coach. Paul Gastonguay, who has coached the men's team for the past few seasons, left the team to become the full time tennis coach for both the men and the women. John Illig, who used to coach women's squash and tennis will no longer coach tennis and is now the head coach for both programs. "I'm not too worried about the transition to Coach Illig," said Captain Sam Huleatt. "He has been coaching squash for years and obviously knows what he is doing."

Illig has immediately made his presence felt by changing the practice schedule. Currently, Bates only has two courts of regulation size and it is therefore difficult for everyone to get a chance to practice on them. Illig has devised a system where he will bring players in to practice throughout the day to optimize each player's time on the regulation courts. "I'm trying something new," said Illig. "It does take away from the team atmosphere but it gives

each player more time on the regulation courts which is what we will be competing on all year." The Bobcats will also have to deal with the loss of the No. 1 player of the last four years, Sean Doherty, graduated last spring. While the Bobcats may not have a clear No. 1 player as they have the past four years, this team looks to be as deep as it has ever been. Evidence of this is that in last week's challenge matches to determine the line-up for their first match on Friday, each of the matches among the top eight players went to the maximum five games.

"Our biggest strength is our depth," commented Illig. "We are strong at the top, at the bottom and in the middle. Our only weakness is that we do not get to practice together as a team on regulation courts while our opponents do."

At this point of the season, the man who will be taking over for Doherty at the No. 1 spot will be sophomore Ben Schippers who is ranked among the top twenty players in the country for those nineteen and under. Behind

*"Our biggest strength is our depth," said Illig. "We are strong at the top, the bottom and in the middle"*

Schippers is Huleatt who will start the season in the No. 2 position until junior Matt Wu and Eric Lopez return from their semester abroad. The team will have to make due until these two return as they occupied the No. 3 and No. 4 slots on the team last year; however, the strength of this team is in its depth, so hopefully their absence will prove not to be an insurmountable burden.

Until the return of Lopez and Wu, co-captain Ethan Kerr will occupy the No. 3 spot and will be followed by sophomore Chad Mountain, freshman Rob Weller, Kieley, Alex Wolff, Andy Roberts and Will Adams.

The Bobcats open their season this Friday at the Stanford Invitational, which is to be played at Harvard. Bates will be taking on Stanford, Connecticut College and Wesleyan in what should prove to be a good indicator as to what we can expect this season.

### Swimming/Diving

## Bates Gets Ready To Make A Splash

by LYNN WORTHY  
STAFF WRITER

The Bates Swimming and Diving Teams are ready and poised to take on all comers in the 2001-2002 season. Both the Men's and Women's teams are coming off of solid seasons. The Men's team finished last season with a record of 6-3 and a 6th place finish in the NESCAC Championships. The women's squad finished off their season with a record of 7-2 and also finished in 6th place at the NESCAC Championships.

Coach Dana Mulholland expressed excitement about the prospect of following up last year's performance with a great showing this winter, saying, "We are really excited about the prospects for the year as we prepare to compete in one of the strongest Swimming and Diving conferences in the country." Mulholland also made sure that the goals of this year's team are no secret. He wants both the Men's and Women's teams not only to win the BBC series, but also to set themselves apart by challenging for one of the top spots in the NESCAC Championship.

Coach Mulholland was also pleased to be able to announce the return of the entire coaching staff intact. Mike Bartley, Dave Bright and Kerry Lathrop will all be back this season. Dave Bright will be back for his 9th season as an assistant, Kerry Lathrop will be entering her second year as an assistant, and 2001 NESCAC diving coach of the year, Mike Bartley has been a part of the program since 1991.

Starting on the women's side of things, Tri-Captains Kate Humphrey, Liz Horan and Meg Ferrari will be looked for to provide leadership all season long. Meg Ferrari, a junior, qualified for NCAA participation last year and is currently the Bates record holder in the 3 breaststroke events. This season she'll also be a leader in the

IM events. Senior Laura Allen, and first year Fionna Clifford will be two competitors to keep an eye on in the breaststroke events, while Senior Liz Horan should be a stabilizing figure in the sprint butterfly events along with first year swimmer Vanessa Williamson in the 100 and 200 fly.

In the sprint free style races Senior Kate Humphrey, first year Nicole Sparks, and Sophomore Jaime Balicki will handle most of the duties. A strong group of backstrokers will include Seniors Megan Simmons and Carissa Gottlieb, as well as Sophomores Libby McConnell, and Katie Hinckley.

The primary distance free style duties will be shouldered by the group that includes sophomore Molly Watson, and first years Allison Wensley and Jackie Donnelly. Jill Kopicki, the 2000 New England 400 IM Champion and NCAA participant will make her return in the winter semester. Kopicki, Williamson, Ferrari, Sparks, Wensley, Hinckley and Allen will share the Individual Medley events. The divers will be led by sophomore Toby Pinn. Adding depth to the group of divers will be first year, Kara Seaton and junior Liz Christian who is away for the first semester.

Moving over to the Men, Tri-Captains, Steve Imig, Andrew Hastings and Dave Bear will lead the way for what should be a strong and deep men's squad. Senior Andrew Hastings had two top-16 finishes at the NAAs last season on his way to becoming a six-time All-American, more than any other athlete in Bates history. Along with classmate Nick Holquist, they should form the best one two punch in the conference.

The Sprinting events, should showcase seniors Steve Imig and Casey Saenger, as well as sophomore Todd Bretl and first year Chris

Guerette. In the backstroke Bates record holder Andrew O'Donnell, a senior, returns from a year in Europe and will have company in first years John Getchell and Craig Legault.

Seniors Imig and Kenny Catalano, first years Sao Ohn Hseng, Martin Posa, Adam Eggert and Eric Bowden should all be major contributors in the breaststroke events. Adam Bowden took third at NESCACs last season in the 50-yard butterfly, setting school records in the 50 and 100 at the championship meet. Sophomore Phil Barr, first year Nate Curll, Legault, and Heneghan will all play big roles in the Butterfly. The mid distance free style group is anchored by senior Nick Kuppens. Sophomore Tim Kirkman, first years Grant Johannessen, David Ali, John Hancock and Russ Latham will add strength in the mid distance and distance events. Colin Allen, a versatile freestyler will also make his return in the winter semester.

Coach Mulholland's words about this year's teams are filled with optimism. In regards to what he's seen so far in the pool Mulholland stated, "Our pre season training far exceeded my expectations. We have enjoyed the greatest participation in my tenure at Bates. The effort and enthusiasm from the captains and the first year class is infectious and I anticipate a very exciting year." This past Saturday, the Bobcats dominated in the third annual BBC Relay Meet at Tarbell Pool. The meet is a non scoring event, and coach Mulholland acknowledged that neither coach was anxious to show all the cards, but also said, "Bates's strength was evident." Many of the performances were fast for this early stage of the year, Bates won a majority of the swimming races and all of the diving events. The regular season gets started Saturday, November 17th, at Tarbell Pool against Trinity.

### Sailing

## Yes, We Have A Sailing Team. And It Wins.

by DAVID BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

The Bates Sailing Team traveled to an invitational regatta at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, MA this weekend. While the team has not had a lot of time on the water to practice, they were confident that their appearance this weekend would be a season highlight.

Throughout the season the team has raced in an Eastern Series at University of Southern Maine, and the NESCAC Championship at Bowdoin. They have faced such opponents as Dartmouth, the University of Southern Maine, Maine Maritime, and all the NESCAC schools who have sailing teams. New additions to this year's team include Daniel Vannoni and Ben Leoni, who both come with extensive sailing backgrounds and have been very enthusiastic about sailing this season and are the top two skippers. While they enjoyed great success in those endeavors, their largest obstacle was yet to come.

The team had an early rise Saturday morning, leaving campus at 6:30 AM to travel to MIT. Upon their arrival, they discovered they would be racing some 17 other teams and 28 other boats. While these numbers would intimidate some people, Vannoni and Leoni approached this challenge head on. Along with their crews for this weekend Laurie Lau and Jan Lewis the two first year skippers jumped in their boats and were off. One of the major problems present during the racing was the lack of wind. "It is very difficult to sail well in light wind," said skipper Ben Leoni. "You have to be very alert, and be ready for even the smallest change." These two sailors did just that. The duo of Leoni and Lewis finished first in the A fleet of the regatta as well as first overall, while the pair of Vannoni and Lau finished second in the B fleet and sixth overall. These amazing scores combined to pull the Bobcats ahead, and win the invitational. "I was so excited when I found out we had won," said skipper Dan Vannoni. Vannoni is a native of Boston and no stranger to sailing at MIT. He has sailed there for several years, and his high school sailing team won the State Championship there the past two years in a row. "I was glad to come home, and keep up the winning tradition at MIT," said Vannoni.

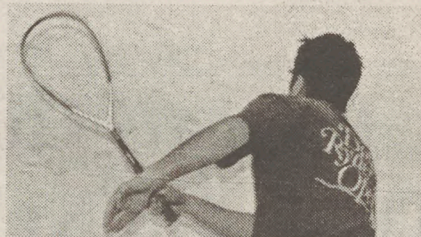
The team finished their fall season Sunday at MIT in the Crew Invitational where Lau and Lewis took the helm. With Vannoni and Leoni at their sides, they had good guidance to put on a strong performance. Both skippers individually got a first place finish in a race, and the team finished fifth out of a field of 27 boats. "While the season began slowly, I don't think it could have ended in a better fashion," said Vannoni. Upon reflection of the season Leoni commented, "This was a great way to finish our first season, and I feel we can continue this winning trend in all the seasons to come."

The fall sailing season may have come to an end, but the team has a lot planned for this winter, and is vigorously getting ready for the spring. Keep an eye out for the sailing movie nights and special edition t-shirts which will be coming out soon. The team is always looking for new members to help them in their quest to revive this program and in the hunt for the national rankings, which is has serious potential to do. Novices are highly encouraged to join, and team members are very willing to teach anyone who wants to learn. For more info about the team contact Dan Vannoni [dvannoni@bates.edu](mailto:dvannoni@bates.edu), Hannah Gaines [hgaines@bates.edu](mailto:hgaines@bates.edu), or visit their web site at [www.bates.edu/people/orgs/sailing](http://www.bates.edu/people/orgs/sailing).

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**M. Basketball**

## What Is 'The Third Half?'

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Welcome to Alumni Gymnasium, home to Bates College's Basketball Bobcats, and hell on earth for visitors bold enough to bear the dark colors of an opponent. Road contests are always demanding, but all the lifting, running and Tae Bo in the world can't prepare the body for an "Alumni" experience.

For an opponent, the first half dissolves into a dizzying sort of body moment, possibly attributed to the ungodly heat smothering the lockers rooms, or the unsettling notion that the meandering pipes that line the training room are chalked full of asbestos. Anyway, by the time the ball has been jumped, and CJ Neely has distributed a few "accidental" elbows, most foes are begging for a little pine time.

The second half is plain ugly, a bad sequel, worse than extremely disappointing Home Alone 2 (how are you going to "forget" a 10 year old, two straight years, on the same exact day). Fatigued from the first 20 minutes of NESCAC pugilism and another 10-minute sauna session in the Sahara lockers, guests are now forced to battle the mental anguish of defending the most generous rims since Naismith was raining J's on peach baskets.

Yet those 40 minutes pale in comparison to horrors staring opponents in the face during the "Third Half," where visitor's victories turn to defeat, where innocent student athletes are reduced to teary eyed, basket cases. I am referring to Bates hoops fans, Alumni faithful, who consistently pack the old barn in the numbness of a Maine winter, giving new meaning to the expression, home court advantage.

Duke has their "Cameron Crazies," Florida their "Rowdy Reptiles," and now, thanks to the gigantic intellectual vision of one Ryan Weaver, Bates has their "Third Half."

Explanation of the "Third Half" lacks the depth of, say, Pythagorean's Theorem, but the genius lies in its simplistic logic. A basketball game consists of two halves (see above), but guests of Bates must bear the wrath of fans, which can be equated to playing an extra half, thus furnishing Bates with the upper hand.

The lure of Alumni, and inspiration for the Third Half, resides in the gym's old school, Hoosieresque charm, which leaves spectators anxiously awaiting the vision of Jimmy Chitwood curling off the picket fence. (Point of note: Having seen Hoosier roughly 1,243 times I can confidently state that the entire movie was filmed on location in Indiana, NOT ALUMNI!) With bleachers pushing onto the court and balcony and stage sections shadowing each basket, there is no escaping the ear-wringing echo of the "Third Half." "Alumni is such a great atmosphere for a game," says "Third Half" CEO Shane Delaney, "it is so small and you are so close to the game that opponents can't help but hear every word you say."

However, sporadic appearance at games fails to render an individual membership in the "Third Half;" initiation is a multi-step process. Dedication is a prerequisite. This does not stipulate the "super fan" commitment of Andy Brock, John Scanlon and Eric Williams, who frequented captain's practices throughout the fall, but attendance at all games is highly recommended (night class is a JV excuse). The "Third Half" embodies for more than just a posse of sauced up hooligans, cursing a referee's 20-100

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## Men's Hoops Hopes This Is Their Year

by MIKE LOPEZ  
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The Bates men's basketball enters the 2001-2002 with high hopes to compete for the NESCAC championship. Returning 4 starters from a team that posted a 13-11 record last year, Bates boasts three potent scoring threats on offense, and a group of talented younger stars who will be able to contribute immediately.

"Our goal is to improve everyday and improve on last year's accomplishments," said Coach Joe Reilly. "These accomplishments included an outright CBB championship, 13 victories and a record breaking nine game win streak."

Leading the offensive attack with be three year senior Captain Alex Wilson, who enters the season with 1,096 career points. A forward out of Duxbury, Ma, Wilson is effective off the dribble and around the rim. He was named the New England Basketball Coaches' Rookie of the Year as a freshmen. Wilson led Bates with 15 blocks last season.

Two more 1,000 point scorers will lead Bates onto the court as Captains in the upcoming season, seniors Ed Walker and Billy Hart. Walker, who can play both forward and guard, has been named Bates' Defender of the Year for two consecutive seasons. Walker is deadly from behind the three-point line, and last year led Bates

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-Coach Joe Reilly

with 15.5 points per game and 7.1 rebounds per game. Hart is also effective from behind the arc, where he led Bates with 71 three pointers last year. His 40.3% from downtown was good enough for second on the team, and his 89.7% free throw percentage was among the highest in the league.

"We have 3 seniors returning that will hopefully provide great leadership and step up to get



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C.J. Neely takes it to the basket in practice

it done this year," commented Reilly. "They are all proven veterans who know what it takes to win in the NESCAC." Between Hart, Walker, and Wilson, the Bobcats will have three leaders and producers who can explode at any point during the game and carry the team.

Two juniors, CJ Neely and transfer Angelo Salvaggio, will also be called upon to contribute in the upcoming season. Neely, who is known for his hustle, averaged over 7 points per game last year as a sophomore, and was effective defensively, leading the team with 12 charges taken. Salvaggio is a talented guard who was named Maine's Mr. Basketball as a senior in high school.

Ramon Garcia, a lightning quick sophomore guard, was second on the team in assists last year, and averaged over ten points per game as only a freshmen. This year, he will be asked to take over the point guard position and Reilly seems pretty happy about it saying "[Garcia] has the ability to be the best point guard in the

league."

Many other young Bobcats will also look to contribute this year. Says Reilly "We have many new faces that may have an impact this year." These new faces include first years Mario Lugo and Brian Gerrity who will provide depth at the guard position as well as Hector Mancebo, Elliott Linsley, and Victor Rivera who will help out the front court in the upcoming season.

The Bobcats have all the elements of a team poised to make a run for the NESCAC title; hard work, senior leadership, and depth at all positions. Notes Reilly, "We are looking forward to competing for the NESCAC Championship. It is exciting to compete in one of the top, if not the best, Division III conferences in the country. The team has set some lofty goals for this season and they have been dedicated to working hard in the off-season to reach those goals." The outlooks for the upcoming season are bright for the Bates men's basketball team.

**M. Hockey**

## Bobcats Hope To Finally Reach The Summit

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Hungarian philosopher Basho once wrote: "A flute with no holes is not a flute, but a donut with no hole is a danish." The Bates Men's Ice Hockey Team is looking to fill the hole in their quest for a North Eastern Collegiate Hockey Association Club championship this year. The last two years, the team has lost in the finals to MIT. This year things will be different.

One positive aspect of this year's team is the large senior contingent. Of the 18 players on the team six are members of the class of 2002. This leadership coupled with talented underclassmen will prove tough on such teams as: Franklin Pierce, Stoney Brook, and MIT. Aron Bell, an alternate captain, is one of the rising stars of the team. Last year as a freshmen he lead the team in points with 21. "I can score at will" Bell commented at the Halloween Dance. Bell may be the straw that stirs the drink, but the seniors are the Orloff in the Solo cup.

Right defensemen and Captain Scott O'

Neil, who stickhandles like a nine year old at a piñata party, brings a strong sense of leadership and experience to the team. O'Neil has been a top line defensive started each of the previous three years and will anchor a strong defensive unit this year that will include the returning tandem of Lyle Gerety, an alternate

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captain, and Josh Gowan. The defense will be aided by the strong net play of goalie Ryan Fitzgerald, who has been the top goalie the last three years. Fitzgerald is known for cat like reflexes with his glove and his colossal blocker.

Swing line player Jake Riley is looking to score more on the ice than off it this season. Riley who netted two playoff goals last year

helped propel the team to the championship game. When asked about his late season heroics Riley said: "My back is still a little sore from carrying the team last winter...I have been in the office five times a week and I am looking forward to the team showers." When asked about what he meant by the office Riley finished drinking his protein shake and snapped: "The Davis Fitness Center...you idiot."

Even with the 6'5" 135lb enforcer Riley, the Bobcats will look to their freshmen for contributions. Charles Engasser, a Minnesota native, has shown promise and will add depth to the depleted front line.

Matt Meyers, the sports editor, believes this year will go down as the best year in Bobcat history. We agree with Matt and feel that the strength of the team is in its defense. The team will hopefully contain opposing offenses to fewer than two goals a game. In the face of the toughest schedule in the NECHA, Bates will overcome MIT this year en route to Nationals. On behalf of the Bates Men's Ice Hockey team we encourage all students to attend their games. As the late Craig P. Tenney once said: "I wouldn't bet against that team."